



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Mark Palmer, WOW tattoos, 2016

Fifth Sunday In Lent
April 03, 2022

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Staff
Pastor: Reverend Michael Goldston
Music Director: William Searcy, Jr.
Sexton: Gary Putnam
Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

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 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Dykes

*Processional Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hymnal no.117
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Isaiah 30:15; Joel 2:13

Leader: Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God,

People: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Leader: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

People: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Opening Prayer of Confession The Exeter Book (c. 950)

All: Stand by me, Lord, and hold me upright when the gales of sin blow round me, and when the dark stormy night of wickedness closes in on me, guide my steps. My soul is already baffled by the temptations to which I have submitted...The trees around me flourish and spread their branches. But I am hemmed in by the guilt which surrounds me...Ah Lord, You are the only remedy. I accept that while I remain on earth I must endure hardships...Let my suffering bring me true contrition, that I may receive Your forgiveness, and so be made fit for the everlasting joy of Heaven. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer)

Leader: Hear the Good News: Christ sided for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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 for a lesson and craft. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. 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

Jesus, give to us grace, sinners as we are. Open our eyes to see your face; open our hearts to know you, so that through your Word we obtain sure present and eternal gain. Amen.

*First Reading

Matthew 7:21-23

NRSV (pg.7 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

Esther 4:10-17

NRSV (pg.425 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

"Secret Identity"

Part 4

"Esther the Pretender"

Anthem

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"

American Folk Hymn

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.**

Mission Moment

Laundromat

Offertory

Special offering for the March of Dimes

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.

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 in small groups 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 gluten-free wafers are available. You may remain in prayer, then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

Closing Prayer

Sending

*Closing Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Hymnal no.175

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

Postlude "It's So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Kirkpatrick

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 03/27/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund/ Memorials & Honorariums	\$7,634.06	03/27/2022
Summer Camp	\$100.00	In-person: 60
March of Dimes	\$208.00	Streaming households: 27
Total Giving	\$7,942.06	*Viewers reached: 81

*"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.

The youth raised \$455.25 for their **Quarters for Laundry** service project. They distributed a portion of this this morning. Thank you for your generous giving!

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Betty & Ronnie Howard by Rebecca Roper.

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Ibby Jenkinson by Catherine Gilstrap, Davis Lupo, Edna Patterson, and Nancy Smith.

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Leonard Price by Davis Lupo, Edna Patterson, and Ed & Mary Pool.

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: Henry Stephens
Acolyte: Charlie Stephens
Nursery: Not today

Crucifer: John Tate
Children's Worship: Edna Patterson &
MaryAnn Stephens

117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;
 5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;
 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)

MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 175

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is, none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th cent.; trans. by Edward Caswall, 1849
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1866

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Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 4/3	Youth Laundromat Service Morning: St. Paul 9:30am
	Youth Group Salkehatchie Celebration: 5:00-6:30pm Aldersgate UMC
	Confirmation Class: Aldersgate UMC 6:30-7:00pm
Mon, 4/4	Trustees meeting: In-person & Zoom 6:30pm
Tues, 4/5	Bible Study: Zoom 7:30pm
Thurs, 4/7	S/PPRC meeting: In-person 6:00pm
Fri, 4/8	CANCELLED: Parents Night Out: St Paul 6 – 9:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 4/10	Confirmation Class: Saint Paul 5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul 6:30pm
Tues, 4/12	Fellowship Luncheon: Iron Hill 11:30am
Thurs, 4/14	Maundy Thursday Worship Service: 6:00pm Northside UMC
Fri, 4/15	Tenebrae Service: Saint Paul 6:00pm
Sun, 4/17	Easter Sunday

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.

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.

Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

1. **Cloth or surgical face masks** covering the nose and mouth are **optional** for all times, places, and events. Masks are required for everyone aged 3 and older in the balcony.
2. "Do unto others what you would have them do to you." This means putting yourself in the shoes of your neighbor, who may be wearing a mask, or may be immune-compromised, or may be unvaccinated; treat each person with the dignity of a child of God to respect their personal space and personal decisions. If you don't personally know someone's needs, give them space in seating and standing.
3. If you feel sick in any way, please worship from home.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Karsyn Miller, Wesley Miller, 4/4; Taunja Pool, 4/8

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this week.

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Chastity Campbell, Paul Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, *Connie Cox*, Patsy Crabtree, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Isaac Ferrell, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol Johnson*, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Chuck McLesky, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Joe Whitmire, family of 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:

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 4/4 at 6:30pm in-person and via Zoom. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 4/7 at 6pm in-person and NOT on 4/11. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Donna Connelly, Troy Gamble, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 4/18 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Jason Cheshire, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



Church Council: will be meeting on 4/25 at 8pm via zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Lori Cheshire, Heather Storey, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, Ed Pool, 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!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Confirmation class: will be meeting on 4/3 at Aldersgate UMC from 6:30 to 7:30pm.



Joint Youth Group: will be meeting 4/3 at Aldersgate UMC at 5pm for a Salkehatchie worship celebration.



Salkehatchie Reboot Party on 4/3 is a way to reintroduce Salkehatchie (summer rebuilding mission work weeks) to our youth. We will have "rebuild" type activities and games that will get your group revved up for Salkehatchie or whatever mission project you have chosen to do this summer or next. It will be from 5:00 to 6:30pm at Aldersgate UMC on Shannon Road in Greenville.



Due to a scheduling issue we have had to cancel the Parents' Night Out on 4/8.



We will be gathering on 4/12 at 11:30am at Iron Hill located at 741 Haywood Road in Greenville. Join us for laughter, good food, and fellowship!



We worship on 4/14, Maundy (the Latin for Commandment) Thursday, remembering the Last Supper Jesus hosted in the Upper Room on the night he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot. This service is the beginning of three days of worship, known as the Triduum (the Great Three Days). The worship ends with a stripping of the altar, removing all elements of adornment to remind us that Christ went to the cross stripped and alone. Because we will be worshipping at Northside UMC for Maundy Thursday, we will strip our altar at the end of the Palm Sunday worship.



On Good Friday, 4/15, we remember that Jesus was taken from the garden where he was praying during the night, brought before the temple leaders early in the morning, and hung on the cross by Friday afternoon. He died relatively quickly for a victim of crucifixion and was laid in a tomb. Our tradition of reading the Passion story from the Gospel of John while progressively dimming the church through extinguishing of candles reflects a reversal of our Christmas Eve service; the light is going out of the world. This Tenebrae (Darkness) service dates to the 9th century.

Opportunities to Serve



March of Dimes: We will be collecting funds for the March of Dimes from 3/13 through 4/13. "Together, we can work to end preventable maternal health risks and death, end preventable preterm birth and infant death, and end the health equity gap for all families."



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!



Please consider helping support Project Host by ordering supplies they need on a regular basis.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2293025SV5Q37?ref_=wl_share

Or sign up to volunteer from 9am to 1pm at <https://www.projecthost.org/>.

E-vangelism

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

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest

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**NORTHSIDE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 9th
From 10-12**

Age Categories

- 5 and under
- 1st through 5th Grade

**Please bring your Easter
Basket if possible**

**Please
RSVP**





Saint Paul UMC/Northside UMC Joint VBS

We are on a roll with God and we need chefs to join us for Food Truck Party.
Join us as we "Cook up some fun".
We will learn to serve as the hands of God, ensuring that the needs of others
are met.

The party begins Sunday, June 12 and goes to Thursday, June 16.
Watch the video on Facebook and complete the activities with your family
during the day.

Each evening chefs will gather in the fellowship hall at Saint Paul UMC

6:00-6:20 pm: Dinner served

6:30 pm: Program begins
to celebrate our daily specials.

Children entering K4-Fifth Grade are invited to attend.

Registration information coming soon.

A big thank you to James Sheppard, Donnell Raiford, and Janice Williams for all their hard work in getting our third floor cleared and cleaned up. We are grateful to them and for them. We would also like to thank John Smith for hanging the hooks and sunscreens in the new greenery room and Janice Williams for placing all the greenery on the walls and tables.

