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Palm/Passion Sunday April 10, 2022

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

Please silence and turn off Wi-Fi on your mobile device to ensure we have the bandwidth to livestream today's service. Thank you.

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Saintpaulgreenville.org
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Pastor: Rev. Michael Goldston

<u>Staff</u>

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr. Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Sexton: Gary Putnam

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Amazing Grace" Young

*Processional Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymnal no.278 Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

John 12:12–15, Mark 11:10

Leader: The great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

People: (waving palm branches) "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!"

Leader: Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Opening Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray

All: God of grace and God of glory, you are the ruler of the world and the ruler of our lives. Yet how quick we are to follow the crowd, yelling praises when things are going the way we like, and yelling curses when we don't like your direction. We confess that we have opposed your rule, scorned your holy law, and followed other rulers into slavery and death. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in thy Spirit direct what we shall be; that thou may come into the full glory of thy creation, in us and in all the people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? 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: 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.")

Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward and sit on the dots.

The Children are invited to bring their palms for a parade.

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 Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV (pg.186 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 Matthew 27:55-56 NRSV (pg.31 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Nevertheless"

Anthem "The Holy City" Traditional

William Searcy, tenor

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

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.

<u>Sending</u>

*Closing Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymnal no.298

Stripping of the Altar

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Living For Jesus"

Perterson

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 04/03/2022	Amount	Attendance	
General Fund	\$446.13	04/03/2022	
		In-person: 50	
		Streaming households: 5	
Total Giving:	\$446.13	*Viewers reached: 95	

^{*&}quot;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

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Ibby Jenkison by Mary Anne Terminato.

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Today's Servers:

Reader: John Tate

Acolyte: Edna Patterson

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

Crucifer: John Tate

Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox &

Rebecca Roper

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



WORDS: Jeanette Threlfall, 1873 (Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Jn. 12:12-13) MUSIC: Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle, 1784; adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868

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WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14) MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824 HAMBURG LM

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:	•	
Sun, 4/10	Confirmation Class: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Tues, 4/12	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
	Fellowship Luncheon: Iron Hill	11:30am
Thurs, 4/14	Maundy Thursday Worship Service:	6:30pm
	Northside UMC	
Fri, 4/15	Tenebrae Service: Saint Paul	6:00pm
Upcoming events:		
Sun, 4/17	Easter Sunday	
Mon, 4/18	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 4/20	Supper Club: TBD	TBD
Thurs, 4/21	Golden Girls Bible Study Lunch	11:30am
Sun, 4/24	Safe Sanctuary Training: Saint Paul	12:30pm
	Confirmation Class: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm

From Pastor Michael

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



Bible Study: The final meeting was this past Tuesday at 7:30pm. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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: Zonelle Boykin, 4/14; Stella Feaster

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, **family of Linda Cleary**, 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



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 4/18 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobeloch, 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 Knobeloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, Davis Ann Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, and Mary

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Trustees: Will be meeting on 5/2 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 5/9 at a time and location to be announced. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobeloch, Donna Connelly, Troy Gamble, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Confirmation class: will be meeting on 4/10 at Saint Paul at 5:30. We will not meet Easter Sunday but will meet again on



Joint Youth Group: will be meeting on 4/10 at Saint Paul at 6:30. We will skip Easter Sunday and meet again on 4/24.



Legacy Bag Packing: We will be packing food bags for Legacy on 4/12 at 9am in the social hall. Social distancing will be observed. Masks are at your discretion. Join us!



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 worshiping 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.



Flowers for the cross: Don't forget to bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday to place on the outdoor cross.



Golden Girls: Pack your lunch and join us on 4/21 at the 11:30am at the home of Mary Pool. Please read Genesis 38:1-30 before the gathering as we will be studying Tamar. See you there!

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/2293025SV5037?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

Share our live-stream on your Facebook page.

Take five minutes and write us a **review!** Facebook or Google



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.

Register at: https://forms.gle/LAnw21S3k2UmdUMx7