



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost **July 31, 2022**

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

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Staff

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.

Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Sexton: Gary Putnam

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 "Andanta" Greig

*Processional Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Hymnal no.103
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship "One Thing Remains" excerpt by Jesus Culture

Leader: Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave,

People: Constant through the trials, and the change, one thing remains,

Leader: Yes! One thing remains!

People: Your love never fails! It never gives up! It never runs out on me.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, our God, you gift us with Acceptance. You bring us healing. You call us by a new name, "A Child of God". May these three increase our faith; may they increase our love in this relationship between creator and creation. 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.

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Scripture

Nehemiah 9:13-21

NRSV (pg.417 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.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:11-32

Sermon

"A Loving Relationship with Jesus Christ"

Anthem

"Because He Lives"

Hymnal no.364

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Hymnal no.156

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Hymnal no.504

"In the Garden"

Hymnal no.314

We will be singing the first and last verse of each 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.**

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

This is the last Sunday that we are collecting dollars for United Ministries in honor of Fowler, Anna, and John David. Let us help them help support our community.

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

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymnal no.369

*Benediction

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

Postlude

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 07/24/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,967.85	07/24/2022
Summer Camp	\$560.00	In-person: 50
Capital	\$30.00	Online Views: 0
Legacy	\$25.00	
Total Giving	\$3,582.85	

Today's Servers:

Reader: John Tate

Acolyte: John Tate

Nursery: Edna Patterson

Crucifer: Payton Franks

Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox &

MaryAnn Stephens

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;
 and feel the pride and joy he* gives;
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

Refrain

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;

be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

WORDS: Gloria and William J. Gaither, 1971

MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1971

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RESURRECTION
98.9 11 with Refrain

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his
 seems than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en
 peat what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly
 best seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis
 dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for
 sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er
 rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 me; and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,

IN PRAISE OF CHRIST

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
 3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - fering and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see,
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

and ex - change it some day for a crown.

WORDS: George Bennard, 1913 (1 Cor. 1:22-25)
MUSIC: George Bennard, 1913

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
Irr. with Refrain

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In the Garden

(I Come to the Garden Alone)

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone while the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a -

still on the ros - es, and the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me
 round me be fall - ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe

Refrain
 the Son of God dis - clos - es.
 with - in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 his voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

WORDS: C. Austin Miles, 1913 (Jn. 20:11-18)
 MUSIC: C. Austin Miles, 1913; adapt. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

GARDEN
 89.557 with Refrain

Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;

O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

this is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE
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Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Mon, 8/1	Trustees meeting: In-person & Zoom	7:00pm
Sat, 8/6	Listening meeting with Pastor Matt: 64 Washington Dr., Piedmont	12:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 8/7	Prep for Fill the Backpacks: Saint Paul Salkehatchie Talk	10:00am In worship
	Fill the Backpacks event: Saint Paul	1:30pm
Mon, 8/8	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 8/9	Fellowship Luncheon: Runway Café	11:30am
Sun, 8/14	Sunday School Youth Sunday	10:15am
	Blessing of the Backpacks	In worship
Mon, 8/15	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 8/18	Golden Girls Bible Study & Luncheon Home of Mary Pool	11:30am
Mon, 8/22	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 8/23	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Sat, 8/27	Hygiene Bag Packing: Social hall	10:00am
Sun, 8/28	Sunday School	10:15am
	End of Summer Bash: Discover Island	3:00pm
Sun, 9/4	Service Sunday: Project Host	9:00am

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or
matthewegreer@gmail.com)

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.

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](#)

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.
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Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Nicole Brannon, 8/4

Happy Anniversary: Bob Kubicki & Deborah Goodwin, 7/31; Jim & Heather Storey, 8/3; Robert & Mary Anne Terminato are celebrating 43 years together on 8/4; and Ed & Mary Pool are celebrating 56 years together on 8/6! Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Paul Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Patsy Crabtree, *Eleanor Cunningham*, Natalie Davis, *Jesse Franks*, 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, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Joe Whitmire, family of Darlene Wooten, 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 8/1 at 7pm in-person and 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 8/8 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Donna Connelly, Troy Gamble, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Matt.

This is a closed meeting.



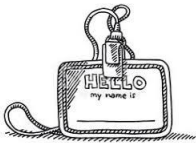
Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 8/15 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Jason Cheshire, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 8/22 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, Mary Anne Terminato and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Name Badges: Please wear your name badge, located on the hooks in the narthex, during July and August to help Pastor Matt and his family learn our names.



Listening Meeting with Pastor Matt: Join Pastor Matt on 8/6 at 12pm at his home located at 64 Washington Drive in Piedmont. He wants to hear what you have to say. Sign up in the narthex or by sign-up genius in the email that was sent

out.



Fellowship Luncheon: Join us on 8/9 at 11:30am for a lunchtime of laughter, fellowship, and good conversation. We will be meeting at

Runway Café located at the downtown airport. See you there!



Youth Worship Service: Our youth will be hosting the worship service on 8/14. Please join us as we help them to grow in their spirituality and express their faith through worship. We will also be blessing the backpacks on this day so don't forget to bring your child's things!



Help Needed: We are looking for a couple of volunteers willing to jump in broadcasting our service on Sunday whenever Mary Anne is unavailable. The biggest requirement is being here a little earlier on a Sunday morning and learning the computer system to get us broadcasting. ***We will not be able to continue live-streaming without your help!*** If you are interested, please contact either the office at 864-235-3494 or saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com or talk directly to Mary Anne Terminato after any service. Thank you!



Altar Servers Needed: Are you interested in being an acolyte, crucifer, or reader? Please contact the office or speak to Edna Patterson. We would love to have your participation in our rotation schedule. Adults and children rising 2nd grade and up are needed! If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please sign up for training here to pick the best date for you: <https://forms.gle/NdRjFooCLarsFH777>



Sunday School News

As Sunday School attendance is usually low during the summer we will have Sunday School two Sundays a month for June, July and August.

August 14 and 28.

Lauren will provide Toddler care for Sunday School and Worship each of these Sundays.



Encouraging notes
for our students
and teachers



As our students and teachers begin to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year let's show them our support and encouragement. Select one or more addressed and stamped post cards from the basket in the narthex. Write a note of encouragement or scripture to the student or teacher the card is addressed to. Then mail the post card so it will arrive the week of August 14. This is the week the new school year will begin. Continue to pray for the student or teacher you sent cards to during the school year. Thank you for supporting this project and supporting our students and teachers.

Opportunities to Serve



United Ministries: During the month of July we will be collecting dollars for United Ministries. We will be doing this in honor of Fowler, Anna, and John David as they will be helping with this ministry. Let us support our children and those in need in our community.



Hygiene Bags: Traveling this summer? We are continuing to collect items for the Hygiene Bags. Please see the display in the narthex for examples of what we need. A list of quantities needed is below. Thank you! **Youth and children elementary age and older are welcome to come and help pack the hygiene bags on 8/27 at 10am in the social hall!**



Project Host: We will be having our **Service Sunday** on Sunday, September 4th, starting at 9am. To join us, please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/wH8MnfERJKVi99dM8>. Please consider helping support Project Host by ordering supplies they need on a regular basis (see the link on their website) or sign up to volunteer at <https://www.projecthost.org/>.



Legacy: We have completed our obligation to Legacy for this school year; however, we are still collecting donations to our Legacy fund to help cover the cost of the food supplied to those children most in need this school year. Thank you!



Fill the Backpacks: Volunteers and *youth* are needed to help prep for this event on 8/7 at 10am, come and help hand out the supplies that we have to the neighborhood children from 1:30pm until about 4pm, or help clean everything up at 4pm. We have sign-ups in the narthex. Everyone can help! Please continue to bring in supplies through the 7th!

Elementary

- Spiral notebooks
- Folders with pockets
- Assignment pad
- Crayons
- Number 2 pencils and erasers
- Pencil box
- Glue sticks or glue
- Ruler
- Safety scissors
- Packs of facial tissue
- Anti-bacterial waterless soap
- Book bag

Middle

- Three-ring binders
- Folders with pockets
- Assignment pad

- Spiral notebooks
- Notebook paper
- Graph paper
- Number 2 pencils and erasers
- Glue sticks or glue
- Washable markers
- Ruler
- Packs of facial tissue
- Ink pens
- Compass
- Calculator
- Book bag

High

- Three-ring binders
 - Folders with pockets
 - Assignment pad
 - Spiral notebooks
 - Perforated composition book
 - Notebook paper
 - Graph paper
 - Number 2 pencils and erasers
 - Colored pencils
 - Glue sticks or glue
 - Washable markers
 - Ruler
 - Packs of facial tissue
 - Ink pens
 - Compass and protractor
 - Calculator
 - Book bag
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End of Summer Bash!

The children, youth
and their families are invited to
celebrate at
Discovery Island Waterpark
Sunday, August 28, 2022
3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Please register by August 22, 2022
<https://forms.gle/4vKuZQxZm8hs8Dsp7>

You are welcome to invite a friend.
They will need to fill out an Activity Participation Form

Discovery Island is located at
417 Baldwin Road
Simpsonville, SC
Please go to
<https://waterparks.greenvillerec.com/discovery-island/>
and read their policies and guidelines.



**Items Needed for Hygiene Bags for 2022
(Please see the display in the narthex for sizes.)**

Item Needed	Quantity Needed
Shampoo	35 travel bottles
Toothpaste	14 travel tubes
Dental Floss	26
Conditioner	9 travel bottles
Lotion	47 travel bottles
Socks (tube-style)	40 pairs
Band-aids	142 pieces
Wash Cloths	76
Neosporin	59 tubes
Crackers	100 packages
Granola bars	100 pieces