



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

FEAR IS NOT MY FUTURE. SICKNESS IS NOT MY STORY.  
HEARTBREAK'S NOT MY HOME. GUILT IS NOT MY GO-TO.  
DEATH IS NOT THE END...

YOU  
ARE

### **Fear is Not My Future** **October 09, 2022**

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at [www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](http://www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/)

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

Stay connected to your Saint Paul family

[Saintpaulgreenville.org](http://Saintpaulgreenville.org)

[Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc](http://Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc)

Podcast: [podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107](http://podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107)

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 "Holy is the Lord" Traditional

\*Processional Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymnal no.127  
Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Be not dismayed, fear not the darkness.

**People: Jesus is here, He walks beside us.**

Leader: Gracious is He, through all our weakness.

**People: Forever faithful, forever good.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Dear Lord, forgive us when fear stands in the way of what you call us to do. May we live with courage and hope; because You fight our battles, and You hold tomorrow. 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.**

(Whether it be thanksgiving, smiles, forgiveness, embraces, waves from across the church, or encouragement, we pray your soul finds the peace it needs at this time.)

Welcome and Announcements

### Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward.

Following the children's sermon, we invite our K3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Genesis 12: 1-8

NRSV (pg.9 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

1 Samuel 17: 20-28

NRSV (pg.249 OT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Fear is Not My Future"

Anthem

"I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary"

Gaither

Bill 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

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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Hymnal no.496

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

"One Day"

Marsh

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

| <b>Giving for 10/02/2022</b>            | <b>Amount</b>     | <b>Attendance</b> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund<br>Memorials & Honorariums | \$1,927.51        | 10/02/2022        |
|   |                   | In-person: 55     |
| <b>Total Giving</b>                     | <b>\$1,927.51</b> | Online Views:229  |
|   |                   |                   |

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Eugenia Vicars

Crucifer:

Acolyte: Benjamin Pool

Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox &

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

Katie Knobloch

**We raised \$890.05 for Betty's Bunch and Race for the Cure.** Thank you for your generous givine!

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me  
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou  
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.  
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.  
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

## 496 Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me  
 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I  
 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall

from a world of care, and bids me at my  
 feel, the bliss I share of those whose anx - ious  
 my pe - ti - tion bear to him whose truth and

Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.  
 spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!  
 faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has  
 With such I has - ten to the place where God my  
 And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his

of - ten found re - lief, and oft es - caped the  
 Sav - ior shows his face, and glad - ly take my  
 word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my

PRAYER, TRUST, HOPE

tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
 sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!  
 ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

|             |   |         |
|-------------|---|---------|
| Sun, 10/9   | Youth Group: Northside                    | 5:30pm  |
| Mon, 10/10  | S/PPRC meeting: Zoom                      | 8:00pm  |
| Tues, 10/11 | Fellowship Luncheon: The Commons          | 11:30am |
| Wed, 10/12  | Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul Social Hall | 5:30pm  |
|             | Trustees meeting: Saint Pau/Zoom          | 7:00pm  |
|             | Chancel Choir: Saint Paul                 | 7:00pm  |
| Fri, 10/14  | Office Closed                             |         |
|             | Parent's Night Out: Saint Paul            | 6:00pm  |

Upcoming events:

|            |                        |        |
|------------|------------------------|--------|
| Sun, 10/16 | Youth Group: Northside | 5:30pm |
| Mon, 10/17 | Office Closed          |        |
|            | Finance Meeting: Zoom  | 8:00pm |

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### From Pastor Matt

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

Thanks for being here today! I believe the number one reason for high church attendance is church attendance; your presence makes this a more excellent place to be on Sunday mornings.

*In response to the pandemic, we had started live-streaming our services. As we are back in attendance, we have decided to temporarily stop live-streaming until a more permanent solution can be found; however, we will still be recording the service each Sunday and posting it on Facebook and our website for your viewing during the week. Thank you for your patience as we find the solution for moving forward with our technology.*

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**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.

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### 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:** MerriElizabeth Cable, Matthew Pool, 10/10; Robert Terminato, Sr., 10/14; Davis Lupo, 10/16

**Happy Anniversary:** Charlie & Diane Robertson are celebrating on 10/9. 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, Amos Horne, 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, Legacy Elementary, Hinton Center

Praise be given:

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## Upcoming Meetings



**S/PPRC:** Will be meeting on 10/10 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.



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on 10/12 at 7pm at Saint Paul and via Zoom. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. All are welcome!



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 10/17 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 10/24 at 7pm at Saint Paul. 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!



**Charge Conference:** Will be on 10/24 at 7pm at Saint Paul. All Church Council members should plan to attend. All are welcome!

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



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



**Joint Youth Group:** We meet on 10/9, 10/16, and 10/23 at Northside UMC at 5:30pm. We will be helping with Trunk-or-Treat at Northside on 10/29. Please plan to arrive at 2:45pm to help set up. Bring your costume to change into before the Trunk-or-Treating starts. Supper will be provided.



**Fellowship Luncheon:** Join us on 10/11 at 11:30am at The Commons located at 147 Welborn Street, Suite B1 in Greenville. Please RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/99RSha1z5gBTvzQ56>



**Fellowship Dinner:** We are back on 10/12 at 5:30pm in the social hall. Please come out for dinner and fellowship as we return to "normal". Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/LUnTBHHkNeDtCcQK6>



**Parents' Night Out:** Have a date night, get some shopping done, go home and take a nap! It doesn't matter. Drop off the kids with us on 10/14 from 6pm to 9pm. A dinner and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP

at: <https://forms.gle/EDuPQV78XFMqBcQ59>



**Basketball Registration is now open!!** We will be partnering with Aldersgate UMC again this year. Please use the link below to get started. At this time, they are not taking requests for teammates. They are trying to keep the maximum number of players to 10 but must have 7 to 8 for a team to survive. Saint

Paul will cover the cost of the program, but you will need to pay for your own jersey. Please email MaryAnn Stephens at [maepool@hotmail.com](mailto:maepool@hotmail.com) if you have registered to play. Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecSSqSXuIrHfYZdTKbYIG7Xlj-fKfxlsgtx4JQUZPnrAnvNA/viewform>



**Save the date!** Our annual weekend women's retreat is back! The retreat will be held at Montreat Conference Center February 10-12, 2023. Once cost information is

confirmed we will send an update. Please let Tennille Crnobrnja

([tennille.crnobrnja@gmail.com](mailto:tennille.crnobrnja@gmail.com)) or Rebecca Roper ([rebecca1184@aol.com](mailto:rebecca1184@aol.com))

know if you are interested in attending. All ladies of Saint Paul are welcome!

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## Opportunities to Serve



**Legacy:** 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 past school year. We will let you know more about this mission soon. Thank you!




**Pumpkin Patch:** Come volunteer to help set up and work at the Pumpkin Patch at Northside UMC. We are raising funds to send youth to Salkehatchie



next year. To sign up, please use this link:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17w8Hr9F19mJ2IaO28KyTERU-0jAjhWDw3v8EURHhGi8/edit?usp=sharing>



**PanCan:** We will be collecting for PanCan from mid-October to mid-November. Please give generously in the purple buckets for this mission. Let us help to find a cure!



# PARTY IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH



OCTOBER 29, 2022, 5:00-7:00 PM

NORTHSIDE UMC &  
SAINT PAUL UMC

AT NORTHSIDE UMC  
435 SUMMIT DR.

