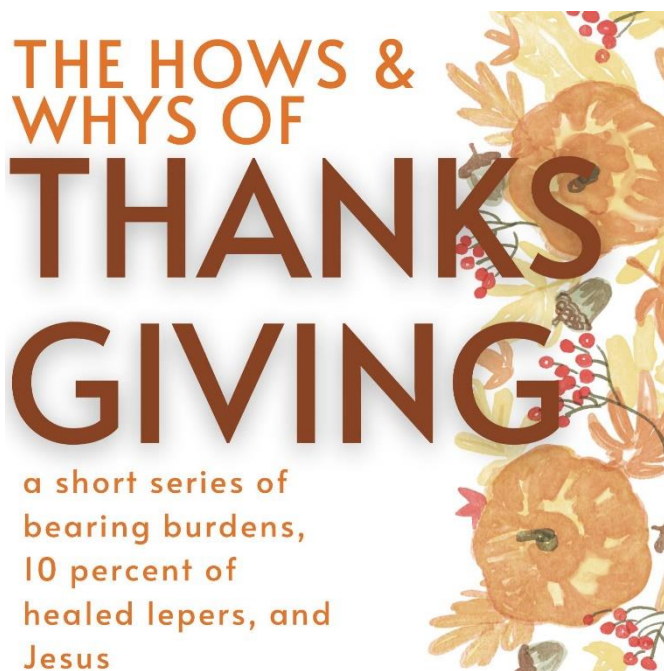




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



“To Fulfill the Law of Christ” November 20, 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 your mobile device. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" Smith

*Processional Hymn "We Gather Together" Hymnal no.131

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Psalm 28:7

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my shield;

People: in him my heart trusts, and I am helped.

Leader: My heart leaps for joy,

People: and with my song I praise him.

*Opening Prayer inspired by Galatians 6:1-2

Leader: Let us pray

All: Dear Lord, give us wisdom, so that we may know the difference between blessings and burdens. Give us community, so that we may name, claim, and share our burdens. Give us compassion, so that we may help carry the burdens of others. 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 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.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 95

UM Hymnal pg.814

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.

*Sermon Scripture

Acts 11:27-30

NRSV (pg.122 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"To Fulfill the Law of Christ"

Anthem

"Grace"

Hamlin

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.

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

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Hymnal no.694

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Postlude in C"

Smith

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 11/13/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,281.00	11/13/2022
Other funds	\$2,107.51	In-person: 50
Total Giving:	\$3,388.51	Online Views: 171

Today's Servers:

Reader: Steele Gamble

Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble

Acolyte: Steele Gamble

Children's Worship: Donna Connelly

Nursery: Heather Storey

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Ron Howard and all those who served in the US Navy and all service people who have sacrificed to service for our great nation by Sue Howard.

We Gather Together

131

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

SPECIAL DAYS

tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 11/20	Stewardship Sunday	
	SALT Class Sanctuary Decorating	After worship
	Advent Wreath Workshop: Saint Paul	3:00pm
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 11/21	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 11/22	Office Closed	
Thurs, 11/24	Thanksgiving: Office Closed	
Fri, 11/25	Office Closed	

Upcoming events:

Mon, 11/28	Legacy Christmas gifts due at church	
Tues, 11/29	Women's Community: Roper home	7:00pm

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or 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.

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](#)

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Dot Huff, 11/14; Bill Huff, Joe Whitmire, 11/16; Vicki Bolen, 11/20; Larry Jones, Donna Connelly, 11/25

Happy Anniversary: Matthew & Charmaine Pool, 11/17; Jason & Whitney Feaster, 11/27

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Ray Byington, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, *Eleanor Cunningham*, Natalie Davis, *Jesse Franks*, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, **Dot Huff**, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol Johnson*, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Chuck McLesky, Karsyn Miller, *Tavane Reposa*, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, John Tate and family, Buddy Tompkins, 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



Stewardship Sunday will be November 20th. Remember that your pledges help us meet our goals for the coming year and allow us to have programs and events outside of the budgeted items. Please give this over to prayer and we will see you the 20th.

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will NOT be meeting in December. 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 11/21 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobeloch, Donna Connelly, Troy Gamble, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Matt. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will NOT be meeting on 11/21. 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 NOT be meeting on 11/28. 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



Joint Youth Group: On 11/19, we will be having a day of service at the home of Bill and Dot Huff. Please be there by 9am. On 11/20 we will be having our Friendsgiving and we will not meet on 11/27 due to the Thanksgiving weekend. See you all soon!



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 if you have registered to play. Thank you!

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



Fellowship Dinner: We will not be having a Fellowship Dinner in December. We will see you again in January!



Fellowship Luncheon: We will not be having a luncheon in December. See you in January!



Advent Wreath Workshop: Join us Sunday afternoon, 11/20, from 3 to 5pm for our Advent Wreath Workshop. Create your Advent wreath and receive devotions to use during Advent which begins November 27th. Hot chocolate, cookies, Christmas music, and an ornament craft for the children will add to the fun. Please register using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/4f9byk8qkNM1M5LU6>



Women's Retreat: The St. Paul Women's Community Annual Retreat will be held at Montreat Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC on February 10-12, 2023. The approximate cost for the weekend is \$150.00 for a double occupancy room and \$230.00 for a single occupancy room. A \$60.00 deposit is due November 14. All ladies of St. Paul (and friends) are welcome! Please reach out to Tennille Crnobrnja (tennille.crnobrnja@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. We look forward to resuming our weekend retreat!



Help Needed: We are needing volunteers in two areas!

First, the pre-school/K5/1st Grade Sunday School class needs a second person to work with Teresa each Sunday. If you are interested in one Sunday or multiple Sundays, please contact Eugenia Vicars or Heather Storey.

Second, we are needing volunteers to run the camera during the services on Sunday. All you have to do is press record, check the sound, and set the camera or pan and zoom. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office or Mary Anne Terminato.



Golden Girls Bible Study and Luncheon: The Golden Girls will not be meeting in November or December. Enjoy the holiday break and we will gather again on January 19th.



S/PPRC is collecting for the **Staff Christmas Bonuses** for Melissa, Bill, and Gary from now until Sunday, December 18th. We ask that you please give generously as we work to thank our wonderful staff for their continued dedication and the critical roles they play for Saint Paul. We truly couldn't do it without them. Please ensure you designate your donation as "Staff Christmas

Bonus" when donating.

Opportunities to Serve



Legacy Christmas: Thank you to those who signed up to provide gifts for this Christmas for a Legacy child. You should have received information on your child in the mail. If you didn't, please contact Edna Patterson (ednaptterson04@gmail.com) or call the office directly. **All gifts will be due at the church by Monday, 11/28 for blessing on 12/4.**



Furman Wesley Foundation: We will be collecting for the Furman Wesley Foundation the rest of November. Bring your dollars and choose Clemson, Carolina, or Furman. Let's see who can bring the most to help support the foundation.