



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



November 27th to January 8th

*Sundays at 11:00 am &
Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm*

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com

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

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

Stay connected to your Saint Paul family
Saintpaulgreenville.org
Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc
Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

Staff
Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.
Sexton: Gary Putnam

Please silence your mobile device. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Arioso"

Bach

*Processional Hymn

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal no.204

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader: Christmas is proof that something better is coming.

People: Christmas is proof that our God comes all the way to us.

(Lights first two candles)

Leader: In our ups, mountains, and good times

People: God is with us.

Leader: In our downs, valleys, and struggles

People: God is with us.

Leader: Christmas is proof that

(Lights the third candle)

People: God is with us!

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Our God, Emmanuel, we love that you are here with us. May we find comfort, in whatever our days hold; because you wrapped yourself up in this flesh and came to walk our steps and share our experiences on this earth. How lovely to have You, a God that understands us. 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

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

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

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Hymnal no.600

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Adoration"

Traditional

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 12/04/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,720.59	12/04/2022
Other funds		In-person: 70
Total Giving:	\$1,720.59	Online Views: 158

Today's Servers:

Reader: Stephanie Gamble

Acolyte: Steele Gamble

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble

Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Leo Price by

Linda Price.

204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Unison
C E+ F Dm7 Eb° Em

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7 C9 E+

his name is called Em-man - u - el. God with

F Dm7 Eb° Em A7 A/C#

us, re - vealed in us, his name is

Dm G7 C F/C D.C. C *(final)*

called Em - man - u - el.

WORDS: Bob McGee, 1976 (Mt. 1:23)

MUSIC: Bob McGee, 1976

McGEE

Irr.

Wonderful Words of Life



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won - der - ful words of life;
 2. Christ, the bless - ed one, gives to all won - der - ful words of life;
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won - der - ful words of life;



let me more of their beau - ty see, won - der - ful words of life;
 sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, won - der - ful words of life;
 of - fer par - don and peace to all, won - der - ful words of life;



words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.
 all so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en.
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.

*Refrain*

Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.



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Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 12/11 Youth Group: Saint Paul 5:30pm

Wed, 12/14 Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul 7:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 12/18 Moravian Love Feast

Youth Group: Home of Mary Pool 5:30pm

Mon, 12/19 Finance Committee meeting: Zoom 8:00pm

Mon, 12/26 Office Closed for Christmas

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 or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours.

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: Tennille Crnobrnja, 12/15; Bowman Franks, 12/18

Happy Anniversary: Elliott & Christine Hall, 12/13; David & Taunja Pool, 12/17; Steve & Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, 12/18 (51 years!); Richard & Martha Ball, 12/18 (42 years!). Congratulations!

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, Buddy Tompkins, Joe Whitmire, 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

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 NOT be meeting in December. 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 12/19. 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 meeting in December. 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: We will be meeting on 12/11 at Saint Paul at 5:30pm. We will be meeting on 12/18 at the home of Mary Pool. Don't forget to bring your White Elephant gift for the exchange.



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>



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. All ladies of St. Paul (and friends) are welcome!

Please reach out to Tennille Crnobrnja (tennille.crnobrnja@gmail.com) if you have any questions. 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.



Revolution!: Youth and parents, please mark your calendar. Revolution weekend is coming up January 27-29. More information will be coming soon.



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

Reverse Advent: Pick up your calendar in the narthex or look in the bulletin to join our Reverse Advent. Bring all the good to the Christmas Eve service. Let us give back to those in need in our community.

Sunday School & Children's Worship

We will have the nursery and Children's Worship available on 12/11 and 12/18; however, they will not be available on 12/25 due to the Christmas service.

REVERSE ADVENT

2022

A Spiritual Discipline Of Reaching Out

from Saint Paul United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Learn about & pray for: <u>Project Hope</u> https://www.projecthope.org	28 Can of corn	29 Can of DICED tomatoes	30 Can of kidney, black, or chili beans	1 Can of green beans	2 Chicken or beef stock or broth	3 Can of Veg-All or type of mixed vegetables
4 Learn about & pray for: <u>Place of Hope</u> https://united-ministries.org/homeless-services/place-of-hope/	5 Adult socks White or Black	6 Stocking cap	7 Vaseline / Petroleum Jelly	8 Bar of soap	9 Foot powder or body powder	10 Laundry detergent
11 Learn about & pray for: <u>those needing emergency shelter</u> https://united-ministries.org/homeless-services/housing/	12 Wash cloth	13 Shower liner	14 All purpose cleaner	15 Towel	16 Dish detergent	17 Silverware Spoons/forks/ knives
18 Learn about & pray for the <u>parishioners of Saint Paul</u>	19 A box of Nutragrain bars for snacks for the Legacy staff	20 Gatorades/ "Sports" drinks for 1 st responders	21 Writing utensils for the 2023 Pack the Backpacks events	22 Notebook or binder or the 2023 Pack the Backpacks events	23 A pack of underwear or socks for students at Legacy Elementary	24 Invite someone to the Christmas Eve Service at 6:00



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