



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



### **Fourth Sunday of Advent – Moravian Lovefeast December 18, 2022**

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

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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

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Podcast: [podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107](https://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 "St. Anthony's Chorale" Brahms

\*Processional Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Hymnal no.203  
Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

(Light three candles)

Leader: Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness

**People: Opened my eyes, let me see**

Leader: Beauty that made this heart adore You

**People: Hope of a life spent with you!**

(Light the fourth candle)

Leader: Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.

**People: Here I am to say that You're my God.**

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: May the lyrics of the songs prepare us for the days where we will sing together, forever, with You. May the sweetness of the bread be a tangible sign of all your sweet provisions in our lives. May the warm coffee be a precursor to You warming our hearts. May our prayers be heard. May the candles be a sign of who You are, and who You call us to be. 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

Introduction to the Moravian Tradition

First Scripture Psalm 36:5-9 NRSV (pg.482 OT)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Jesus Name" Benjamin La Trobe  
Chancel Choir

Moravian Prayer of Blessing

**Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee. Bless our loved ones everywhere and keep them in thy loving care. Amen.**

Serving of the Love Feast Organ Instrumental  
(As you eat and drink of the feast, take time to reflect and meditate on the music.)

Anthem "Sing Alleluia"  
Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 NRSV (pg.1 NT)  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Faithful Christians One and All" Michalec, 1547  
Chancel Choir

Third Scripture 1 John 4:7-12 NRSV (pg.226 NT)  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Carol No.238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Chancel Choir & Congregation

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.**

Distribution of Candles "Morning Star" Johan Scheffler  
Chancel Choir

\*Lighting of the Candles

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!

**People: A light no darkness can overcome!**

Carol No.246 "Joy to the World"

(When lighting your candle, tilt the unlighted candle toward the lighted one to avoid dripping wax.)

During the final refrain, the Congregation is invited to lift your candles high as an act of reaffirming one's faith in Christ.

\*Benediction

Leader: You are the light of the world; let your light shine before all people so that they may see your good works.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Purcell

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### Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 11/13/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund		11/13/2022
Memorials & Honorariums		
Other funds		In-person: 70
<b>Total Giving:</b>		Online Views:

#### Today's Servers:

Reader: Steele & Stephanie Gamble

Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble

Acolyte: Steele Gamble

Advent: Pat Tompkins

Nursery: Donna Connelly & Teresa Ferrell

Special thanks to those who helped coordinate our service and Dieners (servers) for today's Love Feast, and to Whitney and Jason Feaster, Murray and Susan Snow, Troy & Stephanie & Steele Gamble, and Elliott and Christine Hall for serving.

**The Coffee and Love Feast Bun:** The Love Feast buns are made from a traditional recipe which includes citron and orange peel for flavoring. The slash marks on the top of the bun are often mistaken by many to be an "M" for Moravian, but they are actually a "W", which was the mark of Winkler Bakery, the original bakery in Salem, NC, still in operation today and where our buns today were baked. The coffee is decaffeinated and is pre-mixed with sugar and cream.

**The Candle:** The candles traditionally are hand-poured beeswax from tin molds that have been handed down through the generations. They are then hand-wrapped (trimmed) in flame-proof crepe paper to prevent hot wax from dripping onto the holder's hands. Please handle candles with caution and hold them vertically so that wax does not drip onto the floor.

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed 203

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!  
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;  
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.  
 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,  
 The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.  
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.  
 his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

## 238 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
 3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav-en-ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a,

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - -

BIRTH AND BAPTISM

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

WORDS: Trad. French carol; trans. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt.  
 (Luke 2:6-20)

MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes,  
 1937; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

GLORIA  
 77.77 with Refrain

## Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King; let  
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while  
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he  
 and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

BIRTH AND BAPTISM

and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 far as the curse is found, far  
 and won - ders of his love, and

and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his

heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 as the curse is found, far  
 won - ders of his love, and

sing,  
 joy,  
 found,  
 love,

and re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his

heaven, and heaven, and na - ture sing.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

sing,  
 joy,  
 found,  
 love,



## Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 12/18	Moravian Love Feast	
	Youth Group: Home of Mary Pool	5:30pm
Mon, 12/19	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 12/21	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Saturday, 12/24	Christmas Eve Service: Saint Paul	6:00pm

Upcoming events:

Mon, 12/26                      Office Closed for Christmas

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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 or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours. The office will be closed on 12/26 and 1/2/2023.

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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](#)

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## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** Bowman Franks, 12/18; Lauren Searcy, 12/20; MaryAnn Stephens 12/24

**Happy Anniversary:** 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

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### Upcoming Meetings



**Trustees:** Our Trustees for 2023 are: John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Deborah Goodwin, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, and John Sprinkle



**S/PPRC:** Our S/PPRC Members for 2023 are: Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, and Christine Hall



**Finance Committee:** Our Finance Committee members for 2023 are: Becky Hollifield, David Knobeloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, and Tracey Biggers



**Church Council:** Our Church Council members for 2023 are: Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobeloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, and

Mary Anne Terminato.

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



**Joint Youth Group:** We will be meeting on 12/18 at the home of Mary Pool (216 McDaniel Avenue in Greenville). Don't forget to bring your White Elephant gift for the exchange.



**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](mailto: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/K5/1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>.



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

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## 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.

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## Sunday School & Children's Worship

We will have the nursery and Children's Worship available 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: Project Heat <a href="https://www.projectheat.org">https://www.projectheat.org</a>	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: Place of Hope <a href="https://united-ministries.org/homeless-services/place-of-hope/">https://united-ministries.org/homeless-services/place-of-hope/</a>	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 those needing emergency shelter <a href="https://united-ministries.org/homeless-services/housing/">https://united-ministries.org/homeless-services/housing/</a>	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 neighbors of Saint Paul	19 A box of Nutra grain bars for snacks for the Legacy staff	20 Gatorades/ "Sports" drinks for 1 <sup>st</sup> responders	21 Writing utensils for the 2023 Pack for 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



