



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Saint Paul UMC presents:

THE PROOF IN Christmas

November 27th to January 8th

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

Epiphany of the Lord January 08, 2023

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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. At the Chiming of the Hour, please take your seat and quietly reflect on the coming service. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Young

*Processional Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Hymnal no.220
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace.

People: Chains He shall break, for the slave is our brother.

Leader: And in His Name, all oppression shall cease.

People: Sweet hymns of joy, in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise His holy Name.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Dear Lord, on our trek through life, make us like the magi we hear about in Matthew's gospel. May we honor you with gifts, may we follow the light you provide to guide us to good places. May we clearly hear your voice and obey those commands. 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.

First Scripture

Job 38:1-8

NRSV (pg.458 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.

*Sermon Scripture

Matthew 2:13-23

NRSV (pg.2 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

"Christmas is Proof That..."

Part 6:

"Nothing Stops God's Plan"

Anthem

"Majesty"

Hayes

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

We will be passing the team buckets to raise funds for the Furman Wesley Foundation. Support this organization by supporting your favorite team.

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

"We Three Kings"

Hymnal no.254

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Whence Is That Godly Fragrance"

Young

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 01/01/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund	\$11,325.96	01/01/20253
Memorials & Honorariums		
Other funds	\$139.25	In-person: 30
Total Giving:	\$11,465.21	Online Views:

Today's Servers:

Reader: Taunja Pool

Crucifer: TBD

Acolyte: Fowler Roper

Children's Worship: MaryAnn Stephens

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

& Rebecca Roper

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Carolinda Robison by Eugenia Vicars.

Our Christmas Eve collection was for the **Sullivan Center**. Thank you to everyone for your generous giving. We would able to raise \$1,362.22.

220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep-herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch-ing long in

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear; sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: Come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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We Three Kings

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty night; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Mon, 1/2/2023

Wed, 1/4

Office Closed for New Year

Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul

5:30pm

Chancel Choir rehearsals: Saint Paul

7:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 1/8

Youth Group: Saint Paul

5:30pm

Mon, 1/9

S/PPRC Meeting: Zoom

8:00pm

Tues, 1/10

Fellowship Luncheon: Tropical Grill

11:30am

Thurs, 1/12

Trustees meeting: In-person/Zoom

7:00pm

Fri, 1/13

Parents Night Out: Saint Paul

6:00pm

Jan 27-29

Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia

all weekend

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. The office will be closed on 1/16.

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: Chelsea Biggers, 1/8; Edna Patterson, David Pool, Lauren Roberts, 1/11; Murray Snow, Debbie Goodwin, 1/12; Amber Brown, Jere Byington, 1/13

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this month.

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, Betty McWhite, Karsyn Miller, *Tavane Reposa*, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, family of Carolinda Robison, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, 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

Praise be given: Buddy Tompkins

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 1/12 at 7pm in-person and via Zoom. Please watch the announcements for more details. Members are John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Deborah Goodwin, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, and John Sprinkle. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 1/9 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, and Christine Hall. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 1/16 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 1/23 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, Davis Lupo, and Mary Anne Terminato. All are welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Joint Youth Group: We will resume meeting on 1/8 at 5:30pm at Saint Paul. See you then!



Fellowship Luncheon: Please join us on 1/10 at 11:30 for a lunch filled with laughter, good conversation, and food. We will be gathering at Tropical Grille, 21 S Main Street, Greenville. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/XxAL4STVpi37LGQN6>



Parents' Night Out: Parents, you made it through the holidays. Now take a night just for the two of you. Drop off the children at 6pm on 1/13 and three hours just enjoying the quiet. A dinner and activity will be provided. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/j9azgCW1XvuWDVY77>



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.



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

Opportunities to Serve



Furman Wesley Foundation: We will be collecting for the Furman Wesley Foundation at Furman University on 1/8, 1/15, and 1/22. Please support your favorite team (Clemon, Carolina, or Furman) by dropping your dollars in the team bucket.

Sunday School & Children's Worship

If you would like to volunteer for the Sunday School hour or for Children's Worship, please contact Heather Storey at heatherb323@gmail.com or Eugenia Vicars at eugeniavcars@aol.com. The more people that volunteer, the longer out the rotation so please consider helping support our children and youth.

