



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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FOLLOWER?



January 15, 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 "What a Friend" Converse

*Processional Hymn "My Hope Is Built" Hymnal no.368

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship "I Will Follow" by Chris Tomlin

Leader: Where you go, I'll go

People: Where you stay, I'll stay

Leader: When you move, I'll move

People: I will follow you.

Leader: Who you love, I'll love

People: How you serve, I'll serve

Leader: If this life I lose, I will follow you

People: I will follow you.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Merciful God, You call us to follow; to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after You, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves. Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow. Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way. 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

Dear Lord, open us up, this morning and throughout the week, to hear your sweet invitation to follow you. Amen.

*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 John 1:43-50 NRSV (pg.87 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "Fan or Follower?"

Part 1: "D.T.R."

Anthem "God's House" Louks

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

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Hymnal no.371

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Giardini

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 01/08/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$8,180.02	01/08/20253
Other funds	\$190.00	In-person: 45
Total Giving:	\$8,370.02	Online Views:

Today's Servers:

Reader: Collins Cheshire

Acolyte: Anna Cheshire

Nursery: TBD

Crucifer: Collins Cheshire

Children's Worship: Stephen Newman

& Edna Patterson

My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his right - eous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

371 I Stand Amazed in the Presence

1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of
 2. For me it was in the gar - den he
 3. In pit - y an - gels be - held him, and
 4. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he
 5. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his

Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and won - der
 prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no
 came from the world of light to com - fort
 made them his ver - y own; he bore the
 face I at last shall see, 'twill be my

how he could love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.
 tears for his own griefs, but sweat - drops of blood for mine.
 him in the sor - rows he bore for my soul that night.
 bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
 joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.

Refrain
 How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful! And my song shall ev - er be:
 O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - ful!

ASSURANCE
 How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!
 O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - ful!

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 1/15	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 1/16	Office Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. observed all day	
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 1/18	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 1/19	Golden Girls Bible Study: Mary Pool's	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 1/22	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 1/23	Mission Team meeting: Saint Paul	10:30am
	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/24	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
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: Henry Stephens, 1/17; Annabelle Becker, 1/19; John Byers, Jennifer Wham, Andy Bolen, Diane Roper, 1/22

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, 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:

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 2/6 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 2/13 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 Knobeloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



Mission Team: Will be meeting on 1/23 at 10:30am at Saint Paul. Members are Edna Patterson, Rebecca Roper, Debbie Goodwin, Lori Cheshire, Pat Tompkins, Peggy Whitmire, Teresa Ferrell, and Debra Hampton. 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 Knobeloch, 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 1/15 at 5:30pm at Saint Paul. See you then!



Golden Girls Bible Study and Luncheon: Pack your lunch and gather together on 1/19 at 11:30am at 216 McDaniel Avenue as we start our new study on Miriam. Please read Exodus 2:1-10; 15:20-21 and Numbers 12:1-16; 20:1. See you there!



Women's Community: Please mark your calendars for our next gathering on 1/24 at 7pm. If you would like to host this gathering or any in the future, please contact Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, or the office and we will get you on the schedule.



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 1/15 and 1/22. Please support your favorite team (Clemon, Carolina, or Furman) by dropping your dollars in the team bucket.



Project Host Service Sundays: Please mark your calendars for our Service Sundays and Project Host this year. We will be helping with the meal service on March 12th, July 9th, and October 8th.

Please come support those in our community in need of our service and compassion.

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 eugeniavicars@aol.com. The more people that volunteer, the longer out the rotation so please consider helping support our children and youth.