

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



February 12, 2023

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Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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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 "His Name is Wonderful" Mieir

*Processional Hymn "Standing on the Promises" Hymnal no.374

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Hymn no. 617

Leader: I come with JOY to meet my Lord,

People: forgiven, loved, and free

Leader: in awe and wonder to recall His life, laid down for me.

People: His life laid down for me.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord our God, You are the joy that is lighting our souls. You are the joy that is making us whole. Though we are broken, may we be running into Your arms of love. 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.

*Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 NRSV (pg. 171 NT)

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 13:46-52 NRSV (pg.125 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "Fan or Follower?"
Part 5 "Happy or Joy"

Anthem "It is Well with My Soul" Traditional

Bill Searcy, tenor; Steve Vaughn, bass

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

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.

<u>Sending</u>

*Closing Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Hymnal no.399

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Shepherd of Love"

Bock

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 02/05/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	¢1 206 70	02/05/20253
Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,300.70	
Other funds	•	In-person: 55
Total Giving:	\$1,891.13	Online Views: 44

Today's Servers:

Reader: Henry Stephens Crucifer: Charlie Stephens
Acolyte: Taylor-May Stephens Children's Worship: Not available today

Nursery: Not available today

374 Standing on the Promises





WORDS: R. Kelso Carter, 1886 (Eph. 6:14-17) MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886



Important Dates to Remember

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Feb 10-12	Women's Retreat: Montreat	All weekend
Sun, 2/12	Youth Group Day of Service: TBD	TBD
Mon, 2/13	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
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Tues, 2/14 Happy Valentine's Day

Wed, 2/15 Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul 7:00pm Thurs, 2/16 Golden Girls Bible Study & Luncheon 11:30am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 2/19 Youth Group: Saint Paul 5:30pm

Mon, 2/20 Presidents' Day: Office Closed

Finance Committee meeting: Zoom 8:00pm

Wed, 2/22 Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper: Saint Paul 5:30pm

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.

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 2/20 for President's Day and 2/27.

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: William Pool 2/13; Mary Anne Terminato 2/15; Marcus

Stephens, Elise Kanipe 2/17

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this week.

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Ray Byington, Connie Cox, family and friends of Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, *Jesse Franks*, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Debra Hampton, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol Johnson*, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, 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: Cheyanne Cantwell, Lisa Harbin, Crystal McCoy

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 3/6 at 7pm in-person and via Zoom. 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 2/20 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobeloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, Edna Patterson, Jimmie-Lou Vanughn, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!

Church Council: Will be meeting on 2/27 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



Women's Retreat: The women of Saint Paul will be heading to Montreat on 2/10 for their annual retreat. They will spend the weekend in fellowship and growing their

spiritual relationship with God. Please keep them in their prayers as they travel and grow.



Joint Youth Group: Will be meeting at Saint Paul for the rest of the month. Please do not go to Northside UMC for the rest of the meetings.



Golden Girls Bible Study and Luncheon: We will be gathering together on 2/16 at 11:30am at the home of Mary Pool, 216 McDaniel Avenue in Greenville. Please join us for a lunch time of fellowship and discussion on the women of the Bible.



Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper: Join us on 2/22 at 5:30pm for pancakes fellowship. **RSVP** and at: https://forms.gle/rZh4AS3r3cgPP5my5



Help Needed: 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.

Opportunities to Serve



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 from 9am to 1pm. Please come support those in our community in need of our service and compassion.



February: We will be collecting Valentines for first responders and two different schools. Keep watching for more details.



March of Dimes in March: We will be passing around our purple buckets to raise money for the March of Dimes. Please consider joining a local walk event.



Messy Church is coming back this Lenten season! We are tentatively looking at 3/26 from 4:00 – 5:30pm with dinner following at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars and more details to come.



School Supplies: We will be collecting school supplies in May, June, and July. We will be listing needed items closer to time. We will be donating these in August for back to school.



September is Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness: We will be collecting money to help find a cure. Please consider joining our own "Betty's Bunch" for the walk event.



October Block Party: It's back. Come out for a fun time with the neighborhood as we host our Block Party. More details will be coming closer to time.



November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness: We will be raising money to donate to help find a cure. Please check their website for ways you can help outside of this collection.

Sunday School & Children's Worship