



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?



February 19, 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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Saintpaulgreenville.org

Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

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

"Arioso"

Bach

*Processional Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Hymnal no.154
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: The church is NOT a building!

People: The church is NOT a steeple!

Leader: The church is NOT a resting place!

People: The church is a people!

Leader: I am the church, you are the church.

People: We are the church together! All who follow Jesus all around the world; yes, we are the church together.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, give us discernment. Help us to examine traditions and contemporary ways; to grab on to what is faithful, and walk away from what is not. May the call to follow you be greater than anything we've created; and may the things we create synch up with following you. 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 1 Corinthians 3:9 NRSV (pg. 157 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 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 NRSV (pg.170 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

"Fan or Follower?"

Part 6

"Consumer or Coworker"

Anthem

"Amazing Grace"

Althouse

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

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

"Jesus Calls Us"

Hymnal no.398

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Postlude in F"

Bach

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 02/12/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund	\$4,385.78	02/12/20253
Memorials & Honorariums		
Other funds	\$680.76	In-person: 23
Total Giving:	\$5,066.54	Online Views: 93

Today's Servers:

Reader: John Tate

Crucifer: John Tate

Acolyte: Edna Patterson

Children's Worship: Edna Patterson

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

& TBD

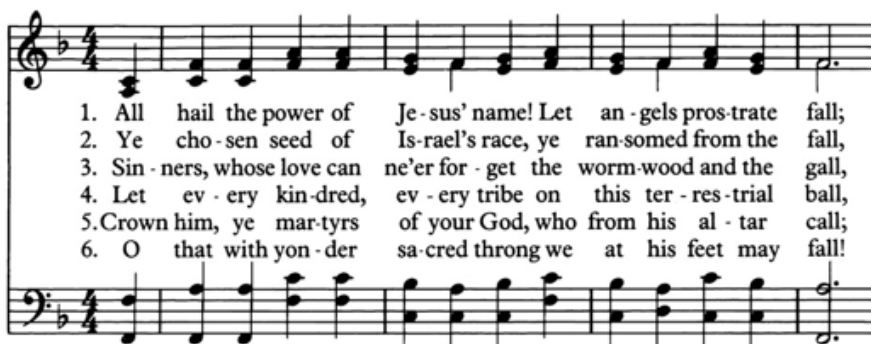
A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Eleanor

Cunningham by Mary Anne & Robert Terminato, Eugenia Vicars, Davis Lupo, Ed & Mary Pool, and Edna Patterson.

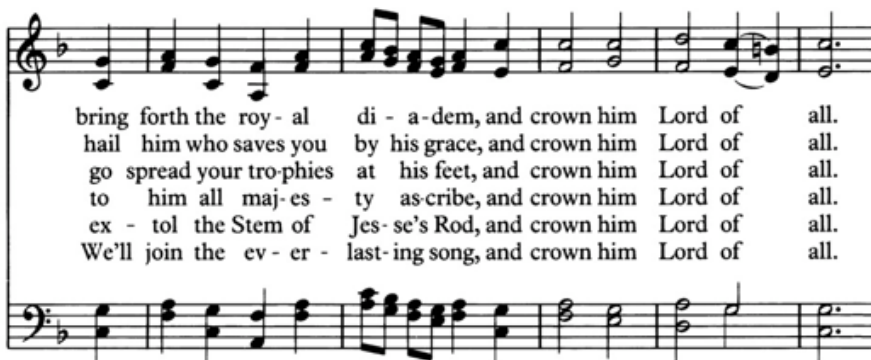
An honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Diane

Robertson by Zonelle Boykin.

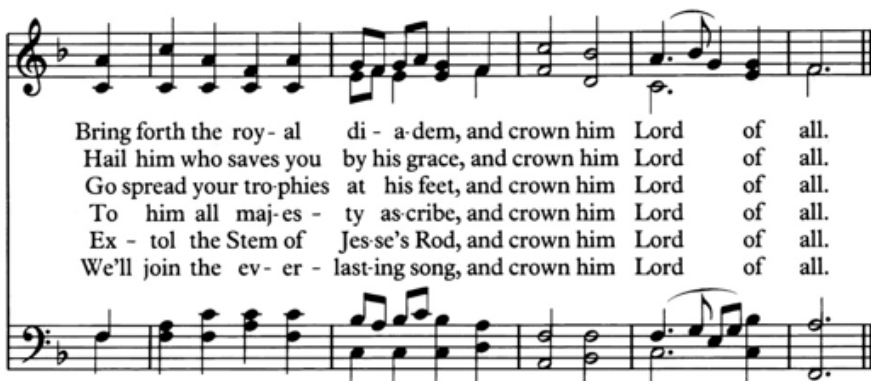
154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
 5. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all.
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.



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Jesus Calls Us

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1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"
 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

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

Upcoming events:

Sun, 2/26	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 2/27	Office Closed	
	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 2/28	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Wed, 3/1	Fellowship Dinner: 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: Nancy Smith 2/25; Brian Becker 2/26

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, 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 3/13 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 Knobloch, 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 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: Will be meeting at Saint Paul each Sunday evening at 5:30 for the rest of the month.



Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper: Join us on 2/22 at 5:30pm for pancakes and fellowship. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/rZh4AS3r3cqPP5my5>



Fellowship Dinner: Our Fellowship Dinner for March will be on 3/1 at 5:30 in the social hall. We will be having spaghetti, salad, a dessert and drink. Please RSVP: <https://forms.gle/j7QRFjZCJxrjxQq29>



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.



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

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