



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



March 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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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 "Prelude in F" Bach

*Processional Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymnal no.92
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are made for this one thing,

People: to see and to seek Your goodness.

Leader: Take us by the hand and lead us

People: and we will follow You.

Leader: Us wrapped up in You.

People: We belong to You.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Dear Lord, our schedules are full, our hands are busy, our time is short. Give us the bravery and discernment of which nets to drop. With distractions aside, may we listen, in many different ways, to hear your call for our now and for our tomorrow. 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

Oh Lord, since we will return to dust, speak to us from The Psalms and Matthew's Gospel. May we see where we need to repent, may you lead us somewhere better. Amen.

*Responsive Reading Psalm 1 UM Hymnal pg.738

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 9:9-13 NRSV (pg.8 NT)

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All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

"Give Up"

Part 5

"Give Up Your Day Job"

Anthem

"Pie Jesus"

Johnson

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 are collecting for March of Dimes during the Month of March. To give through PayPal please put March of Dimes in the notes. To give through Realm please choose March of Dimes.

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**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Hymnal no.133

***Benediction**

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

Postlude

"Recessional Recessionary"

Koven/Koren

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 03/12/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,757.63	03/12/20253
Other funds	\$170.00	In-person: 45
Total Giving:	\$2,927.63	Online Views: 22
		Project Host: 15

Today's Servers:

Reader: John Tate

Crucifer: Wesley Miller

Acolyte: Karsyn Miller

Children's Worship: Edna Patterson

Nursery:

A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Eleanor Cunningham and her years of devoted service to God and Saint Paul UMC by Sue Howard.

For the Beauty of the Earth 92

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For thy church, that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
 6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight;
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;
 of - fer - ing up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love;
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.
 * *Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.*

*For Holy Communion

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on

ing, lean - ing,
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 3/19	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 3/20	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 3/22	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Fri, 3/24	Office Closed	

Upcoming events:

Sun, 3/26	Messy Church: Saint Paul	4:00pm
	Messy Church dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 3/27	Church Council meeting: In person/Zoom	6:00pm
Tues, 3/28	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm

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 3/24.*

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](#)



We will be passing around the buckets for March of Dimes for the month of March. Please help us support this wonderful organization as the help the youngest in our community.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Whitney Feaster 3/19; Raina Newman 3/21; Steve Vaughn, Chris Cox 3/22; Heather Storey 3/23; Bill Searcy, Erin Crolley, John Sprinkle 3/24; Ray Bruce 3/26

Happy Anniversary: Steve & Donna Connelly celebrate 50 years together on 3/24.

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, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Karsyn Miller, *Tavane Reposa*, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, *Tristan Taylor*, 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 NOT be meeting in April. 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 4/10. Time and location to be determined. They will meet again in April. 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 3/20 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 3/27 in person and via Zoom at 6pm. 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.



Messy Church is back this Lenten season! We will be hosting Messy Church on 3/26 from 4:00 – 5:30pm with dinner following at 5:30pm. RSVP at <https://forms.gle/yvbCERRZtBPJ7DJQ8>



Men's Community: Gentlemen of Saint Paul, Men's Community is back! Join us on 4/17 at 7pm at the home of Jim Storey, 6 Trails End in Greenville. Let's join together to spend an evening in fellowship.

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 July 9th and October 8th from 9am to 1pm. Please come support those in our community in need of our service and compassion. **Sign up for July 9th here:** <https://forms.gle/ycpN4S7JYz4WkNuA8>



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.



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