



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



March 26, 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 "St. Anthony Chorale" Brahms

*Processional Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Hymnal no.103
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: We're calling on the God of Jacob

People: whose love endures through generations.

Leader: We know that You will keep Your covenant.

People: O God, our God, we need You.

Leader: O Rock, O Rock of ages,

People: we are standing on Your faithfulness.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, may we be as excited about one, as you are. You left 99 sheep to joyfully put THAT ONE sheep on Your shoulders. You light lamps, sweep floors, and search carefully to find THAT ONE coin. You give robes, rings, and throw parties for THAT ONE son. Oh Lord, may we be as excited about one as You are. 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 23 UM Hymnal pg.754

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 18:10-14 NRSV (pg.19 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

Part 6

"Give Up"

"Give Up the 99"

Anthem

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"

Folk melody

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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Hymnal no.172

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Abide with Me"

Rasley

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 03/19/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$894.89	03/19/20253
Other funds	\$60.00	In-person: 35
Total Giving:	\$954.89	Online Views: 135

Today's Servers:

Reader: Eugenia Vicars

Crucifer: TBD

Acolyte: TBD

Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

& Jim Storey

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

172 My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me, and
 3. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll

thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign. My
 pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I
 ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright; I'll

gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou; if
 love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow; if
 sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow; if

ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

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

Upcoming events:

Sun, 4/2	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Sun, 4/9	Easter Sunday	
Mon, 4/10	S/PPRC meeting: TBD	TBD
Tues, 4/11	Fellowship Luncheon: Chicora Alley, TR	11:30am
Fri, 4/14	Parents' Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm

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.

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](#)



This is the last Sunday we will be passing around the buckets for March of Dimes. Please help us support this wonderful organization as they help the youngest in our community.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Ray Bruce 3/26; Lillie Becker 3/28; John Smith, Amber Greer 3/29; Ellison Hall 4/2

Happy Anniversary: Marcus & MaryAnn Stephens 3/28; John & Elaine Byers 3/31. Congratulations!

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 4/17 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.



Messy Church is back this Lenten season! Join us for Messy Church this Sunday from 4:00 – 5:30pm with dinner following at 5:30pm. RSVP at <https://forms.gle/yvbCERRZtBPJ7DJQ8>



Fellowship Luncheon: We will be gathering on 4/11 at 11:30 at the Chicora Alley in Travelers Rest (117 N Poinsett Highway). Come join us for lunch, laughter, and fellowship.



Parents' Night Out: Drop off the kids on 4/14 from 6 to 9pm while you have a night out, run some errands, or just get a nap. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/yg29y6ToBEi4uMMY7>



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.



Mark your Calendars for VBS! Vacation Bible School will be coming to Saint Paul July 23-27. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. More information will be coming closer to time.

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.***