



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**April 02, 2023**

**Palm Sunday**

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at [www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/)

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Podcast: [podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107](https://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

"Hosanna"  
Chancel Choir

Christian Gregor

\*Processional Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hymnal no.278

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

from Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

**People: humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Heal our hearts and make them clean. Open up our eyes to the things unseen. Show us how to love like You have loved us. Break our hearts for what breaks Yours. May everything we are be for Your kingdom's cause, as we walk from earth into eternity. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 100 UM Hymnal pg.821

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 21:12-17 NRSV (pg.22 NT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series

Part 7

"Give Up"

"Give Up Status"

Anthem

"The Holy City"

Stephen Adams

William Searcy, tenor

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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymnal no.298

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Processional to Calvary"

J. Stainer

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### **Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 03/26/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,044.18	03/26/20253
Other funds	\$215.29	In-person: 60
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$2,259.47</b>	Online Views: 267

### **Today's Servers:**

Reader: John Tate

Crucifer: Collins Cheshire

Acolyte: Anna Cheshire

Children's Worship: MaryAnn Stephens

Nursery: Not available today

& TBD

We raised \$210.29 for **March of Dimes** during the month of March. Thank you for your generous giving!

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

## 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14)

MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

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## Important Dates to Remember

### Current week:

Sat, 4/1 12:00pm	Easter Egg Hung: Northside UMC	10:00am –
Sun, 4/2	Palm Sunday	
Wed, 4/5	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 4/6	Maundy Thursday service: Northside UMC	6:30pm
Fri, 4/7	Good Friday service: Saint Paul	6:30pm

### Upcoming events:

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

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### From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or [matthewegreer@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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**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 3/31 and 4/3.**

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### 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](#)

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Do not forget to bring flowers to place on the cross outside for Easter Sunday.

## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** Ellison Hall 4/2; Wesley Miller, Karsyn Miller, 4/4; Taunja Pool, 4/8

**Happy Anniversary:** 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, **Amos Horne**, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, **Allison Miller**, Karsyn Miller, Tavane Reposo, 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)

Praise be given:

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## 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 4/24. Time and location to be determined. 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.



**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/yq29y6ToBEi4uMMY7>



**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.

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



**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.

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Our Messy Church Easter event was a huge success! Thank you to all our volunteers who assisted the families with the games and activities. Thank you, also, to everyone who helped with preparing the dinner and helped with cleaning up. The families enjoyed a fun afternoon learning about the Easter Story. Photos of the afternoon are posted on our Facebook page in the Messy Church – Easter 2023 album.



### Summer Sunday School Schedule

This summer we will have Sunday School on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. This will be for June, July and August. Our attendance is generally low in the summer and this will give our teachers and assistants some time for rest and renewal.

# RAIN OR SHINE!

NORTHSIDE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 1st  
From 10-12

### Age Categories

- 5 and under
- 1st through 5th Grade

Please bring your  
Easter Basket if  
possible

**Please RSVP**





Join us on 4/6 at Northside UMC at 6:30pm for our Maundy Thursday service.



Our Good Friday service will be at Saint Paul on 4/7 at 6:30pm. Come join us as we celebrate Holy Week and prepare for Easter Sunday.