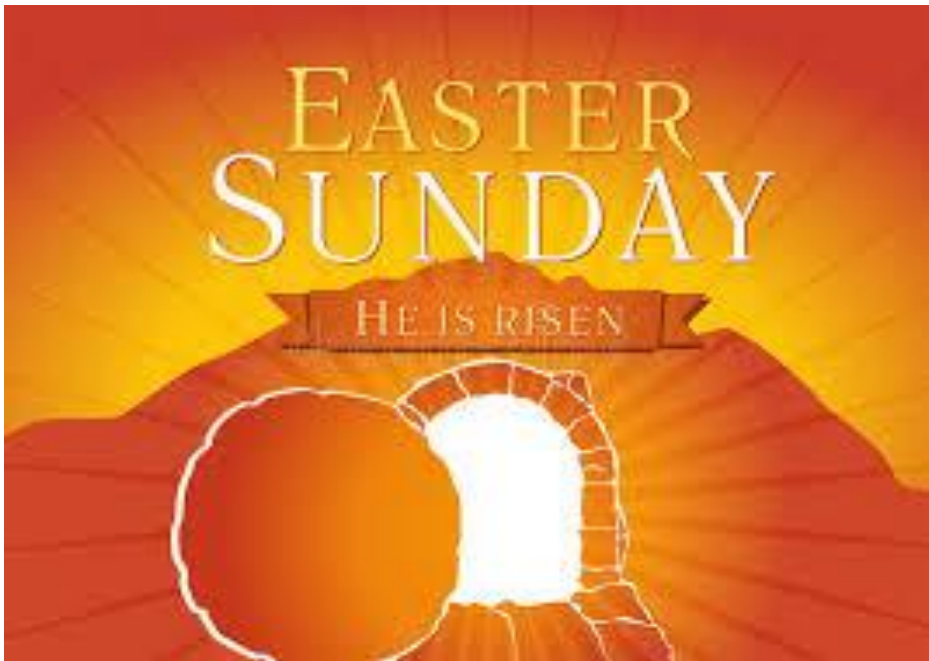




# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**April 09, 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

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Watch our recorded service each week at [www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/)

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

Stay connected to your Saint Paul family

[Saintpaulgreenville.org](http://Saintpaulgreenville.org)

[Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc](https://Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc)

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 seats and quietly reflect on the coming service. Thank you.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Fantasia for Easter Morning" Whitworth

\*Processional Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Hymnal no.327

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days.

**People: His body there would not remain! Our God has robbed the grave!**

Leader: By Your spirit we will rise from the ashes of defeat.

**People: The resurrected King is resurrecting me!**

Leader: In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory.

**People: The resurrected King is resurrecting us!**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Oh Lord, you're the only one who can. You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes. You turn shame into glory. You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies. You turn seas into highways. Oh Lord, nothing is better than 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

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, my you lead us somewhere better. Amen.**

\*Responsive Reading                      Psalm 118                      UM Hymnal pg.839

\* Proclamation of the Resurrection: Matthew 28: 1-10                      NRSV (pg. 32 NT)

Sermon                      "New"

Anthem                      "Grace"                      Hayes  
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.**

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.**

\*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.**

**\*Giving the Bread and Cup**

The ushers will direct you to come forward in small groups and kneel at the altar rail. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice to eat and drink with your group. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may remain in prayer, then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

**Closing Prayer**

Sending

\*Closing Hymn            "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"            Hymnal no.302

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

Postlude                                "Thine is the Glory"                                Handel

**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 04/02/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,044.18	04/02/2023
Other Funds	\$215.29	In-person: 60
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$2,259.47</b>	Online Views: 70

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Collins Cheshire  
 Acolyte: Henry Stephens  
 Nursery: Lauren Searcy

Crucifer: Charlie Stephens  
 Children's Worship: Not available today

## 327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.  
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.  
 and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex- tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \* 6. King of glo-ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

## Important Dates to Remember

### Current week:

Sun, 4/9	Easter Sunday	
Mon, 4/10	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 4/11	Fellowship Luncheon: Chicora Alley, TR	11:30am
Wed, 4/12	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Fri, 4/14	Parents' Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm

### Upcoming events:

Sun, 4/16	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 4/17	Men's Community: Jim Storey's	7:00pm
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 4/20	Golden Girls Bible Study: Mary Pool's	11:30am
Tues, 4/25	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Sat, 4/29	Leadership Retreat	TBD

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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.

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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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## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** Evan Ackerman 4/11; Zonelle Boykin 4/14

**Happy Anniversary:** No anniversary celebrations 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 at 8pm via Zoom. 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 NOT 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!



**Leadership Retreat:** If you are a member of the Church Council, please join us on 4/29 for our Leadership Retreat.

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## 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.



### 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.



**Children's Choirs are back! Little Lambs** will be rehearsing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during Sunday School. **Kids4Christ** will be rehearsing on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during Sunday School. Please be sure to have your children here for practice. Thank you!