



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



April 23, 2023

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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 "Panis Angelicus" Franck

*Processional Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal no.140

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are calling on the God of Jacob

People: whose love endures through generations.

Leader: We know that You will keep Your covenant.

People: O God, my God, we need You now. O Rock, O Rock of ages, we're standing on Your faithfulness.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, it's been said "sign, sign everywhere a sign", so may our lives be a sign; a sign of your love and grace and may our actions be a sign of the gifts and fruits you've given us. 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

May the words and deeds of Jesus between resurrection and ascension draw us closer to him and call us into a more excellent way of life. Amen.

*Scripture Reading Acts 5:12-16 NRSV (pg. 115 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 Mark 16:12-20 NRSV (pg.52 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "W.W. (The Resurrected) J.D."
Part 2 "What Do You Expect from Mark?"

Anthem "Glorify They Name" Adkins
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 will be passing the gold buckets to collect money for the Senior Action Center bus.

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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Hymnal no.361

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Postlude in F"

Traditional

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 04/16/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund	\$2,335.24	04/16/20253
Memorials & Honorariums		
Other funds	\$170.00	In-person: 55
Total Giving:	\$2,505.24	Online Views: 132

Today's Servers:

Reader: Taunja Pool

Crucifer:

Acolyte: Fowler Roper

Children's Worship: Rebecca Roper

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

& TBD

An honorarium was given to the glory of God in honor of Tommy & Carol Head by Vicki Bolen and Diane Robertson.

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Samuel Baldwin by Ed & Mary Pool, Edna Patterson.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man-i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

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FAITHFULNESS

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361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me
 2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill -
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine

hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
 fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
 to the cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin thou
 could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
 see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure; save from wrath and make me pure.
 not a - lone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 4/23	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Tues, 4/25	Women's Community: Jeannine Cox's home	7:00pm
Wed, 4/26	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Sat, 4/29	Leadership Retreat: Sterling	9:00am – 2:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 4/30	District Safe Sanctuary Training: St. Matthews	2:00pm
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 5/1	Trustees meeting: St Paul and Zoom	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.

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](#)



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

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Shawn Poore 4/23; Wells Storey 4/24; Annette Bostic, Michael Matiz 4/25; Savannah Campbell 4/27; Mary Pool, Leland Forrester 4/30

Happy Anniversary: Stephen & Raina Newman 4/25; Neal & Katie Franks 4/27. 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, 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)

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 5/1 at 7pm at Saint Paul 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 5/8 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 5/15 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. We will be meeting at Sterling School from 9am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome.



District Safe Sanctuary Training: If you need to attend this, you will have been contacted by Eugenia Vicars or by an email from the office with the registration link. This will be on 4/30 at 2pm at Saint Matthews UMC, 701 Cleveland Street in Greenville. If you cannot make this date, please check the website in the email for alternate training sites and dates. Thank you.

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Joint Youth Group: Will be meeting at Saint Paul each Sunday evening at 5:30.

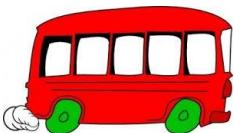


Women's Community: We will be gathering for an evening of fellowship on 4/25 at 7pm at the home of Jeannine Cox,



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



Senior Action Center Bus: We will be collecting to help raise money for the Senior Action Center Bus on April 16, 23, and 30. Please bring your dollars and coins for the gold buckets. Thank you for helping us support our community.



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>



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.



The Beacon of Light Sunday School Class would like to invite anyone interested in Sunday School to join us this Sunday as we begin our new study.

Sunda, 4/23, the class will begin the study "Signs and Wonders – A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. Each chapter is about a different miracle of Jesus and are independent of each other. Various class members lead the discussion.

Below is a link to the video for Session 1 so you can see if you would be interested in this study. [https://44hmv1lj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1hzcOUXjd95kbAq2OH9eMcZEFJClmvy9u%2Fview%3Fusp=share link/1/010001879054d240-2f8314eb-4cb5-4554-baf5-5fc4f75e5fe5-000000/FaODL1FEUvEBmlQIZfxdL7hML5s=317](https://44hmv1lj.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1hzcOUXjd95kbAq2OH9eMcZEFJClmvy9u%2Fview%3Fusp=share_link/1/010001879054d240-2f8314eb-4cb5-4554-baf5-5fc4f75e5fe5-000000/FaODL1FEUvEBmlQIZfxdL7hML5s=317)

We would love to have you join us in this new six-week study. The class meets at 10:00 – 10:45am each Sunday in the Parlor (across from the church office and Pastor Matt's office).