



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**April 30, 2023**

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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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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 "Morning Has Broken" Gaelic melody

\*Processional Hymn "This Is My Father's World" Hymnal no.144

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: All the earth will shout Your praise.

**People: Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing**

Leader: Great are You, Lord.

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\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Dear Lord, thank you for a church that doesn't see us as the future, but an important part of the church life right now. Thank you for those here that changed our diapers and held us. Thank you for those here that taught us stories of scriptures in fun ways. Thank you for those here that head to the third floor on Sunday to do life with us in our teenage years. Thank you for our village that raises us at Saint Paul UMC. 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



Offertory

This is the last Sunday 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

“O How I Love Jesus”

Hymnal no.170

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

“His Name is Wonderful”

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 04/23/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,482.67	04/23/20253
Other funds	\$160.00	In-person: 60
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$2,642.67</b>	Online Views:

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Steele Gamble

Acolyte: Steele Gamble

Nursery: Not available today

Crucifer: William Pool

Children's Worship: TBD

## This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the  
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rust - ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
 Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

## O How I Love Jesus

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
 2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;  
 3. It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe;

it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.  
 it tells me of his pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.  
 who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

*Refrain*

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

## Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

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
Wed, 5/3	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 5/7	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 5/8	S/PPRC Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/9	Fellowship Luncheon: Blockhouse	11:30am
Wed, 5/10	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Fri, 5/12	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.

**On May 28, let's celebrate Pentecost by welcoming new members. If you are not yet a member, feel free to reach out over the next couple of weeks at the number above, and let's talk about what it looks like for you to officially join the Saint Paul UMC family.**

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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:** Leland Forrester 4/30; Logan Kanipe 5/2; Troy Gamble 5/5; Alexandra Johnson 5/7

**Happy Anniversary:** Daniel & Rebecca Roper 5/1; Logan & Elise Kanipe 5/3; Jason & Lori Cheshire 5/4.

A special anniversary for Bill & Dot Huff as they celebrate 65 years together on 5/3. 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 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)

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## 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 be meeting on 5/22 at 8pm via Zoom. 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 12pm.

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.

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



**Joint Youth Group:** Will be meeting at Saint Paul each Sunday evening at 5:30. Our last meeting before summer break will be May 7<sup>th</sup>.



**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.



**Church Picnic:** Join us for some fellowship and fun on 5/21 at McPherson Park, 120 East Park Ave in Greenville. Arrive at 4:30pm for fellowship and we will eat a potluck dinner at 5:30. Please plan on bringing a dish or more to share! There is a putt-putt course there if you would like to bring a club and balls and there is a playground for the kids. You may want to bring a chair to sit on, as well. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/PGfcCa8LhVWp264s7>

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## Opportunities to Serve



**Senior Action Center Bus:** We will be collecting to help raise money for the Senior Action Center Bus on April 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 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/yypN4S7JYz4WkNuA8>



**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.



**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!



## 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.

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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.amazonaws.com/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.amazonaws.com/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).

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Save  
the  
Date

Bill Searcy will be celebrating 25 years of service and ministry as our Music Director in June. Please join us on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, following worship, for a luncheon to celebrate. Please RSVP by June 4<sup>th</sup> so we can have an accurate headcount for our caterer. RSVP link: <https://forms.gle/jTX3ycSV2XAk4g4r6>