



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



May 14, 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 "We Would See Jesus" Whitworth

*Processional Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Hymnal no.160

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are calling on the God of Mary

People: whose favor rests upon the lowly.

Leader: I know with You all things are possible.

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: To the same One that showed Thomas his hands, show us the things we need to see, so that our faith will increase. 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.

*Responsive Reading Psalm 27:7-14 UM Hymnal pg.759

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 John 20:24-30 NRSV (pg.109 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 4 "Jesus and Thomas"

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

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

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Hymnal no.365

*Benediction

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

Postlude

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Whitworth

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 05/07/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,994.41	05/07/20253
Other funds	\$45.00	In-person: 49
Total Giving:	\$2,039.41	Online Views: 80

Today's Servers:

Reader: Christine Hall

Crucifer: Elliott Hall

Acolyte: William Hall

Children's Worship: Rebecca Roper

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

& Edna Patterson

160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1. Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart; re - joi - ce, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joyce, re-joyce,

Grace Greater than Our Sin

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,
 2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold,
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide.
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,

grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!
 threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss;
 What can a - veil to wash it a - way?
 free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!

You - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
 grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
 Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide,
 You that are long - ing to see his face,

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross.
 bright - er than snow you may be to - day.
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and

cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's grace,

grace that is great - er than all our sin!

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 (Rom. 5:20)
MUSIC: Daniel B. Townere, 1910

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Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 5/14	Mother's Day	
Mon, 5/15	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/16	Men's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Wed, 5/17	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 5/18	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Pool's	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 5/21	Church Picnic: McPherson Park	4:30pm
Mon, 5/22	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/23	Women's Community: Heather Storey's	7:00pm
Mon, 5/29	Memorial Day: Office Closed	

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.

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.

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 5/29 for Memorial Day.**

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](#)

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Pat Tompkins 5/14; Brian Crnobrnja 5/17; Allison Miller 5/18; Payton Franks 5/20

Happy Anniversary: There are 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, 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 6/5 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 6/12 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!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Men's Community: The men will be gathering for an evening of fellowship on 5/16 at 7pm. The location is to be determined.



Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Ladies, bring your lunch and come join us on 5/18 at the home of Mary Pool as we study the women of the bible.



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>



Women's Community: Ladies of Saint Paul, join us on 5/23 at 7pm at the home of Heather Storey, 6 Trails End in Greenville, as we share an evening of laughter and fellowship.



Opportunities to Serve



School Supplies: We will be collecting school supplies in May, June, and July. Please see the list below.



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>



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.



Saint Paul UMC/Northside UMC Joint VBS

We are inviting all children to a Hero Hotline- where we will be
Called Together to Serve God.

We will learn to work together and join God in helping others.

The party begins Sunday, July 23 and goes to Thursday, July 27.
Each evening heroes will gather in the fellowship hall at Saint Paul UMC

6:00-6:20 pm: Dinner served.

6:30-8:00 pm: Program

Children entering K4-Fifth Grade are invited to attend.
Registration information is coming soon.



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!

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 11th, following worship, for a luncheon to celebrate. Please RSVP by June 4th so we can have an accurate headcount for our caterer. RSVP link: <https://forms.gle/jTX3ycSV2XAk4g4r6>



School Supply List

- Notebook paper
- 3 ring binder
- Marble cover Composition book
- Spiral bound notebook
- Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- Crayons (Crayola 16 or 24 pack size)
- Washable Markers (Crayola)
- Scissors (Fiskars blunt tip)
- Ink pens
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer (Large bottle)
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Pocket folders
- Colored pencils
- Black Expo dry erase markers