



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**May 21, 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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[Saintpaulgreenville.org](https://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 seat and quietly reflect on the coming service. Thank you.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Arioso"

Bach

\*Processional Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" Hymnal no.545  
Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus shall reign

**People: wherever the sun does it's successive journeys run;**

Leader: His kingdom spread from shore to shore,

**People: 'till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Everlasting God, your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth, confined by time and space. Give us faith to discern in every time and place the presence among us of him who is head over all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our Ascended Lord. 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

**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 47 UM Hymnal pg.781

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 Acts 1:1-10 NRSV (pg.110 NT)

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**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series "W.W. (The Resurrected) J.D."  
Part 5 "Ascension"

Anthem "There's Something About That Name" Rogers  
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

"Hymn of Promise"

Hymnal no.707

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Postlude"

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

<b>Giving for 05/14/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund	\$2,017.38	05/14/20253
Memorials & Honorariums		
Other funds	\$576.65	In-person: 55
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$2,594.03</b>	Online Views: 48

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

Reader: Charlie Stephens

Crucifer: Henry Stephens

Acolyte: Taylor May Stephens

Children's Worship: Lori Cheshire

Nursery: Not available today

& Jeannine Cox

### **Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory Joe Whitmire by**

Edna Patterson, Ed & Mary Pool, and Tommy & Carol Head.

### **Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Betty Worrell**

by Edna Patterson and Ed & Mary Pool.

## 545 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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## Hymn of Promise

*Unison*

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;  
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,  
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,



un - re - vealed un-til its sea - son, some-thing God a-lone can see.



WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986  
 MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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## Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

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
Wed, 5/24	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm

Upcoming events:

Mon, 5/29	Memorial Day: Office Closed	
6/4 – 6/8	Charge Conference: Columbia, SC	
Mon, 6/5	Trustees meeting: In person & Zoom	7:00pm

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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. **The office will be closed on 5/29 for Memorial Day.**

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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:** Bob Weathers 5/22; Willa Bell 5/24; Linda Bruce 5/27

**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, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, **family of 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: Tristan Taylor, Tavane Reposa. Both have made full recoveries.

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## 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 6/19 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobeloch, 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 Knobeloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, Davis Lupo, and Mary Anne Terminato. All are welcome!

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



**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.

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## 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 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>



**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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## 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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**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!



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>



## **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.



## 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