



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



UPHOLD THE CHURCH

June 11, 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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Saintpaulgreenville.org

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Podcast: 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 "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" Smith

*Processional Hymn "God of the Ages" Hymnal no.698

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Who tells the Sun to rise every morning?

People: Who colors the sky with the shades of His glory?

Leader: Who wakes us with mercy and love?

People: Jesus does!

Leader: Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow?

People: Who cries for injustice, feels every sorrow?

Leader: Who carries the pain of His children?

People: Jesus does!

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, we are called to uphold the church with our gifts; so please may You affirm those gifts for us, may we trust them to be put to use for your good, and may we find more from you in the future. 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

Receiving of New Members

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

God, speak through the scriptures to show us and equip us to uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. Amen.

*First Reading 1 Peter 4:10-11 NRSV (pg.220 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 Matthew 25:14-35 NRSV (pg.27 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "Uphold the Church"
Part 2 "Gifts"

Anthem "Make Me a Servant" Williams
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

"I Surrender All"

Hymnal no.354

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Postlude in B-Flat"

Williams

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 06/04/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,030.11	06/04/2023
Other funds		In-person: 59
Total Giving:	\$1,030.11	Online Views: 79

Today's Servers:

Reader: Elliott Hall

Crucifer: Elliott Hall

Acolyte: William Hall

Children's Worship: Katie Knobloch

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

& Christine Hall

God of the Ages



*Trumpets, before
each stanza*

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti - lence,
4. Re-fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
 be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

I Surrender All

Unison

1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; all to him I
 2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; hum - bly at his
 3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; make me, Sav - ior,
 4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; Lord, I give my -
 5. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der; now I feel the

free - ly give; I will ev - er love and trust him,
 feet I bow, world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en;
 whol - ly thine; let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 self to thee; fill me with thy love and pow - er;
 sa - cred flame. O the joy of full sal - va - tion!

Refrain (Harmony)

in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 tru - ly know that thou art mine. I sur - ren - der
 let thy bless - ing fall on me.
 Glo - ry, glo - ry to his name!

all, I sur - ren - der all,
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

REPENTANCE

all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 6/11	25 th Anniversary Celebration for Bill Searcy	12:30pm
Mon, 6/12	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 6/13	Fellowship Luncheon: OJ's Diner	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 6/18	Father's Day	
Mon, 6/19	Juneteenth: Office Closed	
Mon, 6/26	Office Closed	
	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 6/27	Women's Community: TBD	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. **The office will be closed on 6/19 for Juneteenth and 6/26.**

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: Beth Rogers 6/14; Isaac Ferrell 6/15; John Tate 6/17

Happy Anniversary: Thomas & Lisa Pool 6/17; Todd & Dana Howard 6/17

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, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, 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

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 7/3 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 6/26 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!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Fellowship Luncheon: Join us on 6/13 for the last Fellowship for the summer. We will gather at OJ's Diner at 907 Pendleton Street at 11:30am for good food and fellowship. See you there!

Opportunities to Serve



School Supplies: We will be collecting school supplies in May, June, and July. Please see the list below. There is a box in the narthex for these items or you can donate funds to our school missions fund with a note for school supplies.



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 on 10/29 from 2 to 5pm.



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.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/2hbcASPhooxk9UWL7>

Please register by July 5th.



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