



# 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 18, 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](http://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

"Thy Holy Wings"

Kerr

\*Processional Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal no.139

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Who understands the heart of a sinner?

**People: Who showers His grace over all our mistakes?**

Leader: Who washes us clean with His blood?

**People: Jesus does!**

Leader: Who sings a song of sweet forgiveness?

**People: Who stole the keys to hell and the grave?**

Leader: Who has the power to save?

**People: Jesus does!**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Oh Lord, we are called to uphold the church with our presence; so please, may You cast out the attacks that come Saturday night and Sunday morning, may you clear schedules, and may you shift the priorities of our hearts. 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 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

**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 Job 2:11-13 NRSV (pg.430 OT)

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 Hebrews 10:19-25 NRSV (pg.211 NT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series "Uphold the Church"

Part 2 "Presence"

Anthem "Grace" Hamlin

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

"Freely, Freely"

Hymnal no.389

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Postlude in C"

Kerr

**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 06/11/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$4,331.68	06/11/2023
Other funds	\$25.00	In-person: 65
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$4,356.68</b>	Online Views:

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: John Tate

Crucifer: Rebecca Roper

Acolyte: Fowler Roper

Children's Worship: Not available

Nursery: Not available

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store  
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -  
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep - ing main -  
 thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -  
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw  
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -  
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can  
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth  
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?  
 do, who with his love doth be - friend  
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.  
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863  
 st. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103:1-6; 150)  
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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Freely, Freely

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been  
 2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I  
 earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I

come to you, to share his love as he told me to.  
 come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

*Refrain*

He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -

REBIRTH AND THE NEW CREATURE

cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

## Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 6/18	Father's Day	
Mon, 6/19	Juneteenth: Office Closed	
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Upcoming events:		
Mon, 6/26	Office Closed	
	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 6/27	Women's Community: TBD	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.

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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 6/19 for Juneteenth and 6/26.**

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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:** Stephanie Gamble 6/18; Buddy Tompkins 6/21; W. Thomas Baskin 6/23; Elliott Hall 6/23

**Happy Anniversary:** Jan & Larkin Johnson 6/24; Matt & Amber Greer 6/25

### 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

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## Upcoming Meetings



**Trustees:** Will NOT be meeting in July. 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 7/10 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!



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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Enjoy the Summer!

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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. 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 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 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.

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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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The graphic consists of several colored boxes and icons. At the top left is a white box with a green border containing the Sterling Community logo (a colorful triangle with a person icon) and the text: **COMMUNITY** TRANSFORMATION IN ACTION, 2023 STERLING COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST. To the right is a red box with a black icon of three people. Below the white box is a yellow box with a black icon of hands in prayer. To the right of the yellow box is a purple box with the text: **JUL 15**, **7:30a**, \$10 Donation. At the bottom is a green box with the text: **COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK & BREAKFAST**, **STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER**, 113 MINUS ST. GREENVILLE, SC 29601.

For tickets contact [da3russell@yahoo.com](mailto:da3russell@yahoo.com) or [svandross@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:svandross@greenvillecounty.org)

Come join us for the walk and breakfast. We have two tables courtesy of Debra Hampton so you won't need a ticket. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/afr7cv2ZcX67xQ3R6>



## **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 5<sup>th</sup>.



## 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