



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 25, 2023

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com

Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Saintpaulgreenville.org

Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

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 "The Longer I Serve Him" Gaither

*Processional Hymn "To God Be the Glory" Hymnal no.98

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come set your rule and reign in our hearts again.

People: Increase in us we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Leader: Come set our hearts ablaze with hope; like wild fire in our very souls.

People: Holy Spirit come invade us now.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, we are called to uphold the church with our prayers so please may we share needs with one another, may we respond in prayer, may we be confident You intercede when we aren't sure how to pray. 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 Joshua 10:12-14 NRSV (pg.193 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 Colossians 1:9-12 NRSV (pg.188 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "Uphold the Church"

Part 4 "Prayer"

Anthem "I Will Follow Thee" Miller

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

"Be Still, My Soul"

Hymnal no.534

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"The Way That He Loves"

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Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 06/18/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund	\$915.69	06/18/2023
Memorials & Honorariums		
Other funds	\$60.00	In-person: 65
Total Giving:	\$975.69	Online Views: 113

Today's Servers:

Reader: Davis Lupo

Crucifer: Neal Franks

Acolyte: Payton Franks

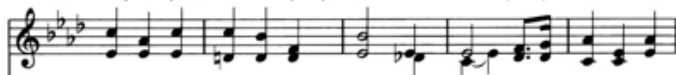
Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

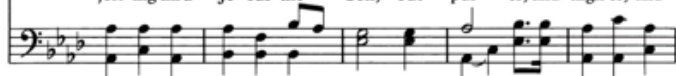
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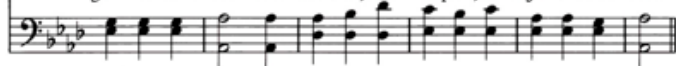
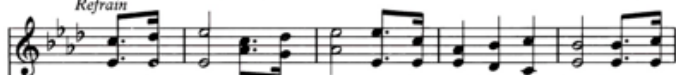
1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -



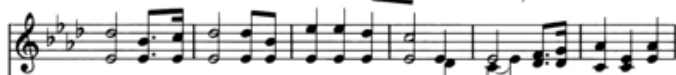
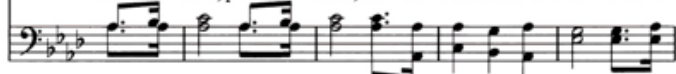
world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
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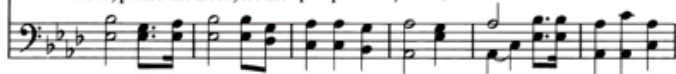
tone ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

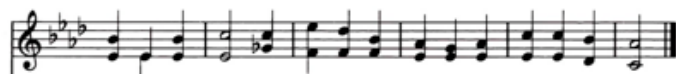
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



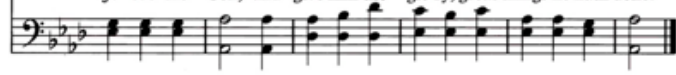
Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thru



PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!



Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

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Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 6/25	Sunday School	10:00am
Mon, 6/26	Office Closed	
	POSTPONED: Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm

Upcoming events:

Tues, 7/4	Office Closed for July 4 th	
Thurs, 7/6	Church Council meeting: In person	6:30pm
Sun, 7/9	Project Host Service Sunday	9:00 – 1:00
	Sunday School	10:00am
Sat, 7/15	Sterling Prayer Walk and Breakfast	7:30am

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 6/26 and on 7/4.**

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: Darrie Crabtree 6/30

Happy Anniversary: Troy & Stephanie Gamble 6/26; Darrie & Patsy Crabtree celebrate 43 years together on 6/26; Brian & Brooke Becker 6/30

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 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 NOT be meeting in July. 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 7/17 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 7/6 at 6:30pm in person at Saint Paul. 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



Project Host Service Sundays: We will be helping with the meal service on July 9th from 9am to 1pm. Please come support those in our community in need of our service and compassion. For July 9th, you must be 14 or older to attend due to their remodeling efforts.

Sign up for July 9th here: <https://forms.gle/ycpN4S7JYz4WkNuA8>

Opportunities to Serve



School Supplies: We will be collecting school supplies in **May, June, and July** for our **Fill the Backpack** event on **8/4**. 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.

A vertical event poster composed of several colored rectangular blocks. At the top is a white block with a logo featuring a stylized figure and the text "COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION IN ACTION" and "2023 STERLING COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST". Below this is a yellow block with a black line-art drawing of a person in a prayerful pose. To the right is a pink block with a black line-art drawing of three people. Below the yellow block is a purple block with the text "JUL 15", "7:30a", and "\$10 Donation". At the bottom is a green block with the text "COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK & BREAKFAST" and "STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER 113 MINUS ST. GREENVILLE, SC 29601".

For tickets contact da3russell@yahoo.com or 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 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

We are collecting now in the narthex.