

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



"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."

Romans 14:19

July 23, 2023

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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 "One Sweet Solemn Thought" Ambrose

*Processional Hymn "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" Hymnal no.163 Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: For by grace we have been saved through faith.

People: And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God!

Leader: It is not a result of works, so let us never boast.

People: But instead, let us strive together

Leader: for the things that bring peace, and the things that build each

other up.

People: May the grace we give be more like the grace we have received.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Good God, you use so many to tell Your story. Whether You call us to a large role like Paul and Moses or a small part like Ananias, Jethro, Shiphrah and Puah, may we give You our yes. 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/quardian.

Prayer for Illumination

Oh Lord, our God, may your word in print and proclaimed be alive and active for us. May we clearly hear your call to serve You together. Amen.

*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 9:1-25 NRSV (pg.119 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series "Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God"

Part 4 "Show Grace"

Anthem "If That Isn't Love" Rambo

Bill Searcy, tenor

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.

<u>Sending</u>

*Closing Hymn

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Hymnal no.172

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Sunday Morning"

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Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 07/16/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	¢2 454 75	07/16/2023
Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,434.73	
Other funds	· ·	In-person: 35
Total Giving:	\$2,639.75	Online Views: 97

Today's Servers:

Reader: Taunja or Camille Pool

Crucifer: Rebecca Roper Children's Worship: Rebecca Roper

Acolyte: Fowler Roper Nursery: Lauren Searcy





WORDS: Johann C. Schwedler, 1741; trans. by Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863 (1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14)

MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827; harm. by Lowell Mason, 1841

HENDON 77.77.7



WORDS: William R. Featherstone, 1864 MUSIC: Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 7/23	Sunday School	10:00am
7/23 – 7/27	Vacation Bible School	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat, 7/29	Youth Day of Service	9:00am - 5:00pm
Upcoming events:		
Sun, 7/30	VBS Celebration Sunday	In worship
Sat, 8/5	Sterling Day of Healing	
Sun, 8/6	Blessing of the Backpacks	In worship
	Packing the Backpack Event	1:00pm
Sun, 8/13	Sunday School	10:00am

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or matthewegreer@gmail.com)

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears...I mean family, Saint Paulians, Christians, lend me your Facebook. As a means to boast in what God is doing with our congregation and invite your friends to join in, PLEASE consider sharing upcoming events to your Facebook page.

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.

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: Steve Ackerman, Audrey Greer 7/23; Alice Anthony 7/24; Anne Brown 7/25; Van Clinkscales, Andy Ackerman 7/26; Becky Hollifield 7/29

Happy Anniversary: Randy & Beth Rogers 7/25

In your prayers, please remember:

Family of Johnny Anderson (Anna Goldston), Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, **family of 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, **Alan Myers**, 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)

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 8/7 at 7pm in person. 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 8/14 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 8/21 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 8/28 at 8pm via Zoom. **There is no meeting in July**. 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



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.



Fill the Backpack Event: Volunteer to help with this event on 8/6 from 1pm to 3pm. Sign up here: https://forms.gle/kWfjqppopWsSS4Ta9

Opportunities to Serve



Project Host Service Sundays: We will be helping with the meal service on October 8th from 9am to 1pm. Please come support those in our community in need of our service and compassion. **Sign up** for October 8th 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.



for our students and teachers



As our students and teachers begin to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year let's show them our support and encouragement. Select one or more addressed and stamped post cards from the basket in the narthex. Write a note of encouragement or scripture to the student or teacher the card is addressed to. Then mail the post card so it will arrive the week of August 8. This is the week the new school year will begin. Continue to pray for the student or teacher you sent cards to during the school year. Thank you for supporting this project and supporting our students and teachers.



Summer Sunday School Schedule

This summer we will have Sunday School on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. This will be for 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.



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.

St. Paul Youth July 29

9AM: BREAKFAST AT SAINT PAUL

9:30: SET UP PACK THE BACKPACK MARKET

11:15: DROP OFF GOODIES AT

WEST END FD

12-2: FOOD COLLECTION [AT]

INGLES IN PIEDMONT

2:45: TAKE FOOD TO

PIEDMONT EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTER

3:45: LAUNDROMAT

BLESSINGS

5 PM : PICK UP AT SAINT PAUL



Up, down, side to side, or diagonal, bring in the corresponding supplies for a chance to win gift cards! Supplies & completed bingo card can be dropped off by July at 1107 South Main Street in Greenville!

PLAYER NAME:

CONTACT:

SAINT PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO PLAY:

PACK THE BACKPACK						
В	1	N	G	0		
5 packs of pencils	1 3-ring Binder	8 Glue Sticks	3 packs of black pens	1 Container of disinfectant wipes		
1 Container of disinfectant wipes	5 packs of Crayons	3 marbled Composition Notebooks	1 3-ring Binder	5 Folders		
1 3-ring Binder	1 box of Tissues	Free spot, cause Jesus paid it all!	5 packs of Colored Pencils	3 marbled Composition Notebooks		
3 packs of blue pens	1 pencil Box or Pouch	2 blunt tip Scissors	3 marbled Composition Notebooks	1 bottle of Hand Sanitizer		
3 packs of lose leaf Paper	3 marbled Composition Notebooks	8 High Lighters	5 packs of Markers	1 3-ring Binder		

Because you have shared in her life and vocational calling, you are invited to join, in presence and prayers,

The Ordination of Lauren Evans Hamilton to The Gospel Ministry.

> Sunday, August 13, 2023 10:30am

First Baptist Church 397 College Avenue Clemson, South Carolina

Reception to follow in the Family Life Center.