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August 27, 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Smith

*Processional Hymn "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" Hymnal no.176 Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Throughout our summer break

People: God went too.

Leader: From Asbury to Tekoa

People: God went too.

Leader: On rooftops in Union with Salkehatchie

People: God went too.

Leader: Collecting, stocking, and serving food

People: God went too.

Leader: School supplies and quarters in washing machines

People: God went too.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Dear Lord, thank you for a church that sends us out. Thank you for meeting us there. May the stories today help us to keep going out to the places You call us and remind us all that You are with us. 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

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 Report of Summer Missions

Anthem "I Thank God" Maverick City Music

Prayers of the People

Leader: We respond to God with the word, songs, and with our prayers.

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for your many blessings and this time to come and worship together. Be with us as we listen for your word and seek your ways. Guide our steps that we may serve you more. We thank you for the experiences we have had this summer to be in mission. Teach us to serve with all of our gifts and talents.

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: As we begin this new school year, open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers. May we be excited by our studies and accept new opportunities. Help us to be a friend. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year.

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our community and country. We remember those who serve in positions of leadership and power. May they lead with wisdom and compassion. Make us sensitive to the needs of people harmed by famine,

tension, and war. May we choose your ways of peace and justice for all people.

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Help those who are less fortunate and the homeless to stay well, to find jobs and a place to live. Help them with transportation to get to work, to the doctors, and to the grocery store. May we serve them and love one another as Christ loves us.

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for comfort and healing for those on our prayer list and others that are sick and in need of healing. We lift up the names of those dear to us in our hearts, on our lips, and in the Facebook comments.

People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord and pray together in the way he taught us to pray.

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

We will be taking a special collection today to send our youth to Salkehatchie. 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

Hymnal no.593

*Benediction

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

Postlude "Spirit of God" Smith

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 08/20/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	¢2 620 40	08/20/2023
Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,020.49	
Other funds	\$85.00	In-person: 75
Total Giving:	\$2,713.49	Online Views:

Today's Servers:

Reader: Various Crucifer: William Pool Acolyte: Anna Cheshire Children's Worship:

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty



THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH 593 Here I Am, Lord Unison I have heard my peo-ple cry. 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I will make their dark-ness bright. I who made the stars of night, 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone. 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. 1. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. Who will bear my light to them? I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will speak my word to them. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. I will give my life to them. 2. Refrain (Harmony) Whom shall I send? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.

Whom shall I

send?



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HERE I AM, LORD 77.74 D with Refrain

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 8/27	Sunday School: Saint Paul	10:00am	
	End of Summer Bash: Discovery Island	3-5:00pm	
Mon, 8/28	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm	
Tues, 8/29	Women's Community: Lori Cheshire's	7:00pm	
Wed, 8/30	S/PPRC meeting: Saint Paul	8:00pm	
Upcoming events:			
Mon, 9/4	Labor Day: Office Closed		
Wed, 9/6	Chancel Choir rehearsals resume	7:00pm	
Sun, 9/10	Grandparents are Great Pancake Breakfast 10:00am		
, ,	Betty's Bunch to Fight Breast Cancer kickoff		
	Promotion Sunday	In worship	
Mon, 9/11	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom		
	8:00pm		
Tues, 9/12	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am	
Sun, 9/17	Sunday School is back in session	10:00am	
	Youth Group resumes: Saint Paul	TBD	

From Pastor Matt

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

In order to make Youth ministry at Saint Paul more excellent, we are looking for people that can:

- 1) Provide/prepare meals for the youth and leaders,
- 2) Spend time with the group to make sure that Safe Sanctuary is being practiced and,
- 3) Lead lessons and facilitate group discussions.

Please let me or Edna Patterson know if these are things you'd like to do on a monthly basis or even just give it a try once or twice throughout the year. Thank you!

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 9/4 for Labor Day.**

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: Elizabeth Crolley 8/27; Leo Forrester 8/28; Tracey Biggers

8/30; Patsy Crabtree 8/31; Carmie Cook 9/2

Happy Anniversary: Murray & Susan Snow 8/31

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, 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, family of 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, *Kathy Weather*, 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:

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees: Will be meeting on in September on a date to be determined at 7pm at Saint Paul and 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 August 30 at 8pm via Zoom to discuss their budget items. They will not be meeting in September. 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 9/18 at Saint Paul with a Zoom option. Time to be determined. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobeloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, Edna Patterson, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 8/28 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!



Charge Conference: We will be hosting our Charge Conference on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7pm at Saint Paul. To prepare, we have started the budget planning process and all those with a budget line should have received the renewal information via email and mail. For

those needing to complete specific forms and reports, those will be sent out next week. All committees and teams need to meet to go over budget details. Thank you for helping us prepare.

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Women's Community: We will be gathering on 8/29 at 7pm at the home of Lori Cheshire, located at 405 McDonald Street. Raina has graciously agreed to teach our lesson and we look forward to sharing with each other in fellowship and spiritual

growth.



Fellowship Luncheon: It's back! Please mark your calendar for 9/12 to join us for lunch at 11:30. Location information will be listed soon.



Special Collection: We will be taking up a special collection this Sunday to help send our youth to Salkehatchie. Please help us support them in their spiritual growth and learning to give back to our community.



Youth Group Resumes on September 17, 2023. More details to come.

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 Breast Cancer Awareness: We will be collecting money to help find a cure and help those in our area. Please look for more information coming from "The Betty Bunch". We will kick off this year's fund raising at the Grandparent's Breakfast on 9/10.



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.



Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School will meet August 27. Beginning September 17 the Sunday School classes will resume meeting every Sunday. Hope everyone has had a great summer. Look forward to seeing everyone back in September.



The children, youth and their families are invited <u>to</u> celebrate at

Discovery Island Waterpark Sunday, August 27, 2023 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Please register by August 24, 2023

Please register using the link below https://forms.gle/L4GXN4vUeEU8o2Wp9

You are welcome to invite a friend.

They will need to fill out an Activity Participation Form

We will have <u>a shelter</u>. You will need to bring a chair.

Discovery Island is located <u>at</u>
417 Baldwin Road
Simpsonville, SC
Please go to
https://waterparks.greenvillerec.com/discovery-island/
and read their policies and guidelines.



Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, bacon, fruit, coffee, milk

Sunday, September 10, 2023

10:00-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP using the link <u>below</u> https://forms.gle/JGdkWqp4sYLa76rc8