



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**August 06, 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. John B Dykes

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

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Holy, there is no one like You.

**People: There is none beside You.**

Leader: Open up my eyes in wonder;

**People: and show me Who You are,**

Leader: fill me with Your heart,

**People: lead me in Your love to those around me.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. 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 & Blessing of the Backpacks

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

**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.**

\*First Reading 1 Chronicles 29:1-9 NRSV (pg.368 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 Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NRSV (pg.157 OT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Provisions and Chats"

Anthem "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" arr. Mark Hayes  
Pamela Easler, piano

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

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

Hymnal no.616

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Abide With Me"

arr. Roger House

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### **Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 07/30/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund	\$2,991.46	07/30/2023
Memorials & Honorariums		
Other funds	\$627.20	In-person: 55
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$3,618.66</b>	Online Views:

### **Today's Servers:**

Reader: Christine Hall

Crucifer: Elliott Hall

Acolyte: William Hall

Children's Worship: Not available

Nursery: Not available

**Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Zonelle Boykin by Edna Patterson, Bob & Kathy Weathers, Ed & Mary Pool, and David Lupo.**

**A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Johnny Anderson by Edna Patterson.**

## To God Be the Glory

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 -  
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lies, 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!

## 616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

1. Come, sin - ners, to the gos - pel feast, let ev - ery  
 2. Do not be - gin to make ex - cuse; ah! do not  
 3. Come and par - take the gos - pel feast, be saved from  
 4. See him set forth be - fore your eyes; be - hold the  
 5. Ye who be - lieve his rec - ord true shall sup with

soul be Je - sus' guest. Ye need not one be  
 you his grace re - fuse; your world - ly cares and  
 sin, in Je - sus rest; O taste the good - ness  
 bleed - ing sac - ri - fice; his of - fered love make  
 him and he with you; come to the feast, be

left be - hind, for God hath bid all hu - man - kind.  
 plea - sures leave, and take what Je - sus hath to give.  
 of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.  
 haste to em - brace, and free - ly now be saved by grace.  
 saved from sin, for Je - sus waits to take you in.

## Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 8/6	Blessing of the Backpacks	In worship
	Packing the Backpack Event	1-3:00pm
Mon, 8/7	Trustees Meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm
Tues, 8/8	Fellowship Luncheon: 4 Aces Kitchen	11:30am
Fri, 8/11	Office Closed	

### Upcoming events:

Sun, 8/13	Sunday School	10:00am
Mon, 8/14	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 8/22	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Sun, 8/27	End of Summer Bash: Discovery Island	3-5:00pm
Sun, 9/10	Grandparents are Great Pancake Breakfast	10:00am

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### From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or [matthewegreer@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

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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 8/11.***

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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:** Kayla Davis 8/9; Adam Boone 8/10; Peggy Whitmire, JL Crnobrnja 8/12

**Happy Anniversary:** There are no anniversaries this week.

### 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, 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)

Praise be Given:

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## 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. 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



**Fellowship Luncheon:** We will gather together on 8/8 at 11:30am at 4 Aces Kitchen located at 115 Pelham Rd, Ste 1 in Greenville. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/yqjgCQvmtVmXEpus5>

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## Opportunities to Serve



**Project Host Service Sundays:** We will be helping with the meal service on 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 October 8<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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## Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School will meet August 13 and 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.

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**Fill the Backpack Event:** Come out on Sunday afternoon and volunteer to help with our Fill the Backpack event from 1pm to 3pm. Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/kWfjqppopWsSS4Ta9>

**Don't forget to turn in your Bingo card for school supplies in the bag in the narthex!**



## 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.**

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:**

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

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.



## End of Summer Bash!

The children, youth  
and their families are invited to  
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/L46XN4vUeEU8o2Wp9>

You are welcome to invite a friend.  
They will need to fill out an Activity Participation Form

We will have a shelter.  
You will need to bring a chair.

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



**Grandparents  
are  
Great!**



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 [below](https://forms.gle/JGdkWqp4sYLa76rc8)  
<https://forms.gle/JGdkWqp4sYLa76rc8>



# STERLING COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

2023

## DAY OF HEALING DAY OF HOPE

FREE  
PUBLIC  
EVENT!

AUGUST 5 | SATURDAY  
11 AM - 2 PM

STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER  
113 MINUS ST, GREENVILLE, SC 29601

- ★ FREE COOKOUT (HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS)
- ★ GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- ★ MUSIC BY DJ SAM BIGBY
- ★ FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- ★ FREE HAIRCUTS BY:  
DUNN NONE - HAIROKNOTX,LLC - BARBER SAMONA GREENE
- ★ FREE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDRENS BOOKS
- ★ POET "MOODY BLACK"
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- ★ AUTHOR & ACTRESS "AVA A MICHELLE" SHARING HER BOOK

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