



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**September 17, 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. Thank you.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Matt

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

"Arioso"

Bach

\*Processional Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymnal no.110

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: There is hope for the helpless,

**People: Rest for the weary,**

Leader: Love for the broken hearted,

**People: There is grace and forgiveness; mercy and healing.**

Leader: He'll meet you wherever you are.

**People: Cry out to Jesus.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Almighty fortress, You go before us. Nothing can stand against the power of You, God. You shine in the shadow. You win every battle. Nothing can stand against the power of You, our God. 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.**

Anthem

"Gather Us In"

Althouse

Chancel Choir

### Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward.

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. During the Closing Hymn, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**



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.**

Sending

\*Closing Hymn

"Be Still, My Soul"

Hymnal no.534

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Westminster Abbey Hymn"

Purcell

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

<b>Giving for 09/10/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,556.02	09/10/2023
The Betty Bunch	\$150.00	In-person: 85
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$2,706.02</b>	Online: 95

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

Reader: Payton Franks

Crucifer: Neal Franks

Acolyte: Avery Franks

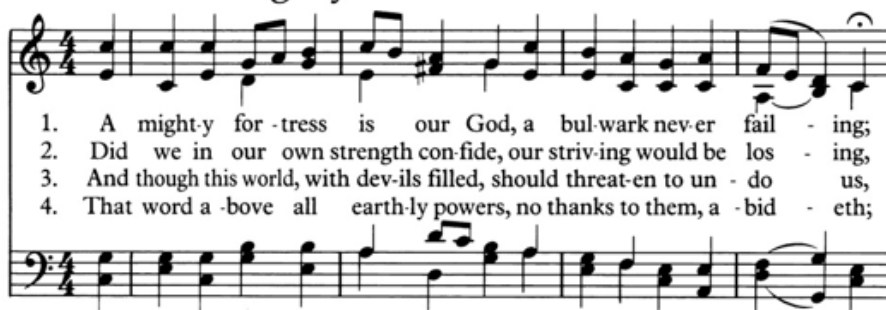
Children's Worship: Christine Hall &

Nursery: Not available today

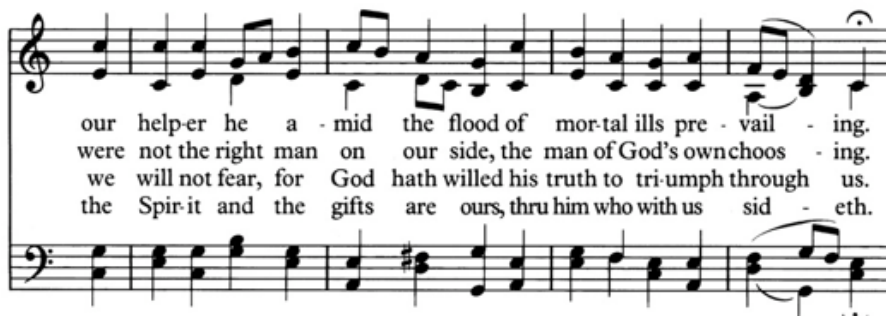
Jeannine Cox

**A memorial was given to the glory of God in memory of Amos Horne by Tracey Biggers.**

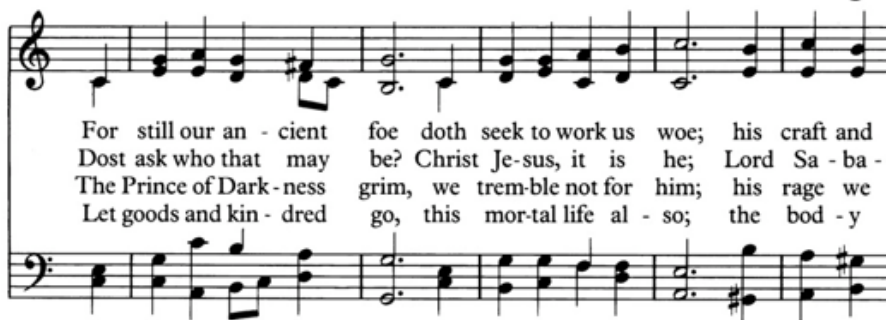
## 110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



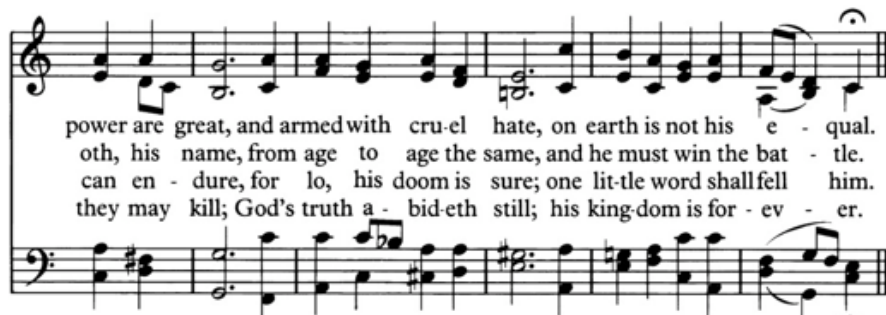
1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,  
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,  
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;



our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing,  
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.  
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-ba-  
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we  
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y



power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.  
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.  
 can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.  
 they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

## 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, 9/17	Wear your favorite NFL Team shirt	
	Sunday School is back in session	10:00am
	Nominations & Leadership mtg: St. Paul	12:15pm
	Youth Group resumes: Saint Paul	TBD
Mon, 9/18	Finance Committee meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	
	7:00pm	
Tues, 9/19	Men's Community: Todaro Pizza	7:00pm
Wed, 9/20	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 9/21	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: St Paul	11:30am
<b>Upcoming events:</b>		
Sun, 9/24	Wear Pink!	
	Pumpkin Patch set-up: Northside UMC	After worship
Mon, 9/25	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/26	Women's Community: 9 Hamilton Ave	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))

**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!**

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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.

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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:** Jade Matiz 9/19; Diane Robertson, David Knobloch 9/20; Lauren Hamilton 9/21; Maddie Boone 9/22; Lee Newman 9/24

**Happy Anniversary:** Bob & Kathy Weathers celebrate 53 years together on 9/19

### 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, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Larry 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, **Alicia Terminato**, *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:

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## Upcoming Meetings



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on 10/2 at 7pm at Saint Paul with a Zoom option. 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 10/9 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Rebecca Roper, Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, and Christine Hall. This is a closed meeting.



**Nominations & Leadership Team:** Will be meeting on 9/17 following the worship service at Saint Paul. There will be no Zoom option and lunch will be provided. Members are Jason Feaster, Eugenia Vicars, Vicki Bolen, Stephanie Gamble, John Sprinkle, John Tate, and Pastor Matt. This is a closed meeting.



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 9/18 at 7pm at Saint Paul with a Zoom option. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, Edna Patterson, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



**Church Council:** Will be meeting on 9/25 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.

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



**Youth Group:** Resumes on September 17, 2023.



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**Sunday School:** 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.



**Men's Community:** Men of Saint Paul, come out on 9/19 at 7pm to Todaro's Pizza, located at 116 N Markley Street (near the church) in Greenville, for a night of fellowship, food, and laughter.



**Golden Girls Bible Study & Luncheon:** Bring your lunch and head to Saint Paul's parlor on 9/21 at 11:30am for a lunchtime of food, fellowship, and study on the women of the Bible. We would love to see you here!

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## Opportunities to Serve



If you would be interested in serving on a committee or team in the 2024 year, please speak with Pastor Matt or someone on the Nominations and Leadership Team. There will be openings on Church Council, Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Staff-Parish Relations, Worship, Congregational Care, Children's Ministry, Growing Our Family, and Missions. Don't be shy! Ask about a team or committee and what is involved. We would love to have you.



**September is Breast Cancer Awareness:** We will be collecting money to help find a cure and help those in our area. We will pass the pink buckets during the offering time this month. Please help us support The Betty Bunch and find a cure!



**Project Host Service Sundays:** We will be helping with the meal service on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. We currently have enough volunteers for this 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. There will be trunk-or-treating,



**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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# *Thank You*

Have you been to the Fellowship Hall lately? Notice anything different? Thank you to John Smith for getting the banners hung around the room and to Eugenia Vicars for minor repairs and ironing the banners. They look great and we are happy to have them on display. The banners were made by The Inez Goldsmith Circle; made up of Betty Tompson, Inez Goldsmith, Dot McMillan, Martha Turner, and others. These are a part of Saint Paul's past and a great treasure.