



# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**September 24, 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

"March in E-flat"

Handel

\*Processional Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal no.89

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: When the rain fell, when the floods came

**People: When the wind blew, I was ok;**

Leader: 'Cause You were right there,

**People: You're in every step we take**

Leader: When the night falls, when my heart aches

**People: If I stumble, I will not break,**

Leader: You'll be right there,

**People: You're in every step I take.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Oh Lord, in the battles that rage on, give us clarity; discernment. May we know the difference between what is important and minor details. May we know the difference between mountains and molehills. May we know the difference between gifts from You above, and things pushed down from generations. 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

"Living God's Love"

Patterson

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.**

Scripture Reading

Titus 3:9-11

NRSV (pg.203 NT)

\*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

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

NRSV (pg.155 NT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Battle Worthy"

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.**

Offertory

We will be collecting for The Betty Bunch and Breast Cancer Awareness this month. Please drop your coins in the pink buckets or give through our online platforms at:

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.**

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            "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"            Hymnal no.133

\*Benediction

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

Postlude            "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"            unknown

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 09/17/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund		09/17/2023
Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,071.88	
Other funds	\$160.00	In-person: 60
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$2,231.88</b>	Online: 100

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Katie Knobloch

Acolyte: John David Knobloch

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

Crucifer: Dave Knobloch

Children's Worship: Edna Patterson &

Lauren Searcy

## 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;  
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,  
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,  
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!  
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.  
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing,  
 lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean -  
 ing on

ing, lean - ing,  
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

## Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 9/24	Wear Pink!	
	Pumpkin Patch set-up: Northside UMC	After worship
	Party in the Pumpkin Patch: Northside	12:30pm
Mon, 9/25	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 9/26	Women's Community: 9 Hamilton Ave	7:00pm
Wed, 9/27	Chancel Choir rehearsal	7:00pm

### Upcoming events:

Mon, 10/2	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm
Wed, 10/4	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Sun, 10/8	Project Host Service Sunday	9:00am
Mon, 10/9	Columbus Day: Office Closed	
	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00am
Tues, 10/10	Fellowship Luncheon: Stax Omega	11:30am
Fri, 10/13	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6:00pm

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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. *The office will be closed on Monday, 10/9, in observance of Columbus Day.*

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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:** Lee Newman 9/24; Jean Jones 9/25; Richard Ball 9/29; DJ Boone 9/30;

**Happy Anniversary:** Van & Fran Clinkscales are celebrating 59 years together on 9/26. Congratulations!

### **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, Karsyn Miller, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Allison Royster, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Alicia Terminato, **Lily Thompson**, *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.



**Finance Committee:** Will NOT be meeting in October. 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 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



**Wear Pink this Sunday to support Breast Cancer Awareness.**



**Pumpkin Patch:** Join us this Sunday after the worship service at Northside UMC to help set-up the pumpkin patch. Following set-up there will be a Party in the Pumpkin Patch.



**Women's Community:** Come join us on 9/26 at 7pm at 9 Hamilton Ave for a night of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. We would love to have you.



**Basketball Registration:** Anyone kindergarten-12th grade wanting to play basketball this year please register on this link. They are currently registering two men's groups as well. If you are older than 12th grade and want to play, the younger men is gold and the older men are silver. You can register at the link below, then please let the church know that you registered. We will cover your registration fee, but you will need to cover the jersey cost. If you have any questions, please contact MaryAnn Stephens (864) 202-8051. Thanks!  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecSSqSXuIrHfYZdTKbYIG7Xlj-fKfxlsgtx4JQUZPnrAnvNA/viewform>

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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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