

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



October 01, 2023

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Pastor: Rev. Matthew Green

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Staff

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Please silence your mobile device. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude "Arioso" Handel

*Processional Hymn "Morning Has Broken" Hymnal no.145

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: You will not need to fight this battle.

People: Stand firm! Hold your position! See the salvation of the

Lord on your behalf.

Leader: Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed.

People: The Lord will be with you.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, we confess, we are powerless against the great horde of battles that are coming against us. But, even though we may not know what to do, our eyes are on you. 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.)

Anthem "You Are Mine" Haas

Chancel Choir

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 closing hymn, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

May the testimonies of battles written in scripture speak to the battles we face within our lives. May they give us confidence and faith to face those battles with You, from victory in Jesus's name, Amen.

*Sermon Scripture 2 Chronicles 20:20-24 NRSV (pg.384 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Withstand The Battle"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal p.12

*Giving the Bread and Cup

The ushers will direct you to come forward in small groups and kneel at the altar rail. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice to eat and drink with your group. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may remain in prayer, then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

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

Support your favorite team! The bucket collection today will be going to the Furman Wesley Foundation.

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.

*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.

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 "Largo" Dvorak

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 09/24/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund	¢2 EE4 07	09/24/2023
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,554.07	
Other funds	\$10,739.01	In-person: 70
Total Giving:	\$13,318.08	Online Views:

Today's Servers:

Reader: John Tate Crucifer: Jim Storey
Acolyte: James Storey Children's Worship: MaryAnn Stephens
Nursery: Not available & Lori Cheshire

Memorials were given to the glory of God in memory of Amos Horne by Eugenia Vicars and Davis Lupo.



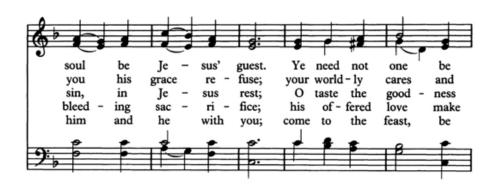
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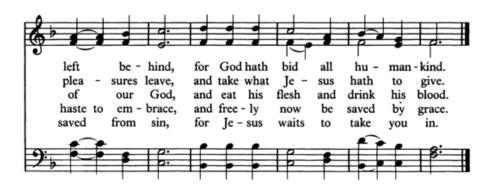
MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

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616 Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast







WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747 (Lk. 14:16-24) MUSIC: Katholisches Gesangbuch, ca. 1774; adapt. from Metrical Psalter, 1855

Important Dates to Remember

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Sun, 10/1	Clemson, Carolina, or Furman?	In worship	
	Support your favorite team for Furman Wesley		
Mon, 10/2	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm	
Wed, 10/4	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm	
	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm	
Upcoming events:			
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	Food Bag Packing: Saint Paul	10:00am	
	Fellowship Luncheon: Stax Omega	11:30am	
	Charge Conference: Saint Paul	7:00pm	
Fri, 10/13	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6:00pm	
Tues, 10/17	Men's Community: Local Cue	7:00pm	
Thurs, 10/19	Golden Girls: Saint Paul	11:30am	

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 Monday, 10/9, in observance of Columbus 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: Jan Johnson, Jason Feaster, Teresa Ferrell, 10/4; Nate

Johnson, 10/5; Stephen Newman, 10/6

Happy Anniversary: 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, 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:

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!



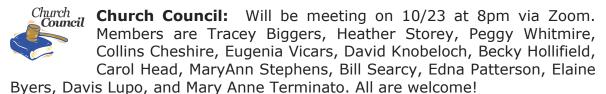
S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 10/9 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Rebecca Roper, Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, and Christine Hall. This is a closed meeting.



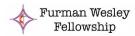
Charge Conference: We will be hosting our Charge Conference on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7pm at Saint Paul. To prepare, we have started the budget planning process and all those with a budget line should have received the renewal information via email and mail. For those needing to complete specific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



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!



Announcements & Upcoming Events



Clemson, USC or Furman? Which team is your favorite? Wear your favorite team's colors this Sunday and drop a

dollar in their bucket. All proceeds will go to Furman Wesley Fellowship. May the best team win!



Fellowship Dinner: Dinner is back! Join us on 10/4 at 5:30pm in the social hall for pork chops, creamed potatoes, green beans, dessert and a drink. All donations will be going to our missions fund hygiene bags for Project Host. Please RSVP at

https://forms.gle/Bu34mos182LQxcC87



Food Bag Packing is Back! We will be packing food bags for Sullivan Center on 10/10 at 10am in the social hall. Please come and join us. We will be packing 48 food bags on a biweekly basis for children in need. Help us help them!



Parents' Night Out: Date night has returned! Drop the children off at Saint Paul on 10/13 from 6pm to 9pm. They will be provided dinner and an activity while you have some

fun! Please RSVP at: https://forms.gle/aKkHDQRetx5oAruA6



Men's Community: Gentlemen of Saint Paul. Come out on 10/17 at 7pm to The Local Cue on Orchard Park for an evening of laughter and fellowship. We would love to see you there.



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/1FAIpQLSecSSqSXuIrHfYZdTKbYlG7Xlj-fKfxlsgtx4JQUZPnrAnvNA/viewform

Opportunities to Serve



September is Breast Cancer Awareness: We raised \$964.01 for The Betty Bunch for Breas Cancer Awareness! Thank you for your generous giving.



Project Host Service Sundays: We will be helping with the meal service on October 8th 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.