



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Saintpaulgreenville.org

Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: 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

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.

Prayer for Illumination

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 Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,554.07	09/24/2023
Other funds	\$10,739.01	In-person: 70
Total Giving:	\$13,318.08	Online Views:

Today's Servers:

Reader: John Tate

Acolyte: James Storey

Nursery: Not available

Crucifer: Jim Storey

Children's Worship: MaryAnn Stephens

& Lori Cheshire

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

Morning Has Broken

145

Unison
C Am Dm G F C



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

D7/F# C/G F G7 C

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931 (Lam. 3:22-23)
MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

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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, 10/1	Clemson, Carolina, or Furman? Support your favorite team for Furman Wesley	In worship
Mon, 10/2	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm
Wed, 10/4	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	5:30pm 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 Fellowship Luncheon: Stax Omega Charge Conference: Saint Paul	10:00am 11:30am 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 Knobloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, Edna Patterson, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 10/23 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, Davis Lupo, and Mary Anne Terminato. All are welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Furman Wesley
Fellowship

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



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/1FAIpQLSecSSqSXuIrHfYZdTKbYIG7Xlj-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.
