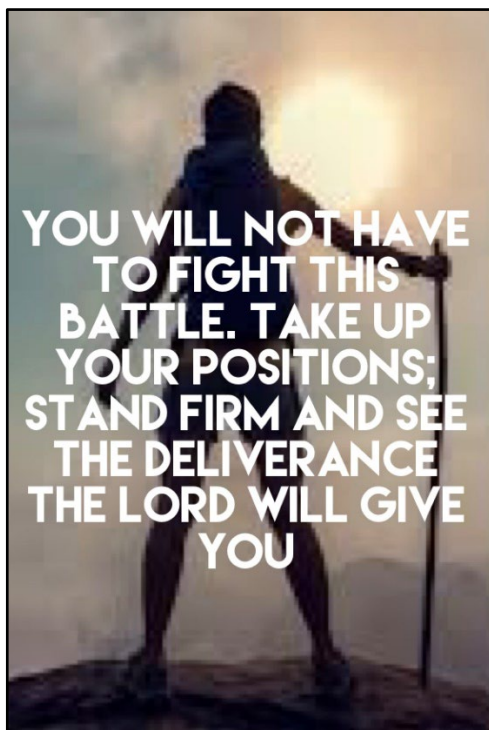




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



October 15, 2023

864-235-3494 - saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com

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 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" Whitworth

*Processional Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" Hymnal no.545

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship from Isaiah 43

Leader: See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

People: I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Leader: The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland,

People: to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, as we withstand the battles, remind us we are not surrounded by troubles but we are surrounded by You, so may that thanksgiving pour out of our mouths, be seen in our giving, and expressed in our love. 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 "Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet" Sleeth

Chancel Choir

Word and Response

Children's Sermon Children will come forward.

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

Offertory

We will be collecting for the Furman Wesley Foundation today. Please drop your coins in your favorite team's bucket 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Dear God, you have given us a position. Keep us standing firm. May the words of scripture and those being preached help us to withstand the battles being fought for us and around us. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 150

UM Hymnal #862

*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

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

NRSV (pg.173 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Withstand the Battle With Worship"

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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn "When We All Get to Heaven" Hymnal no.701

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

Postlude "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" Whitworth

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

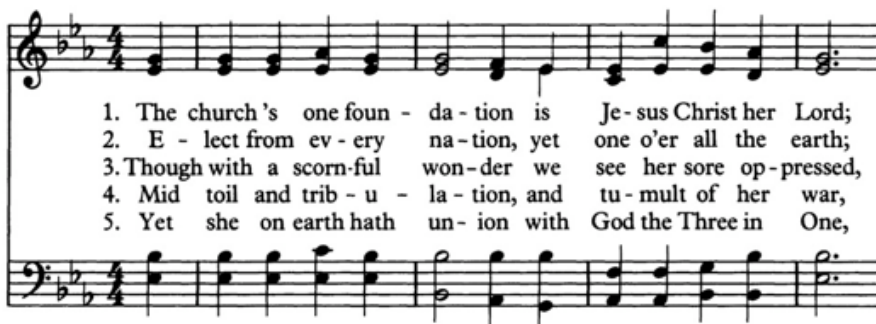
Giving for 10/08/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,342.66	10/08/2023
Other funds	\$335.00	In-person: 40 Project Host: 15
Total Giving	\$1,677.66	Online: 62

Today's Servers:

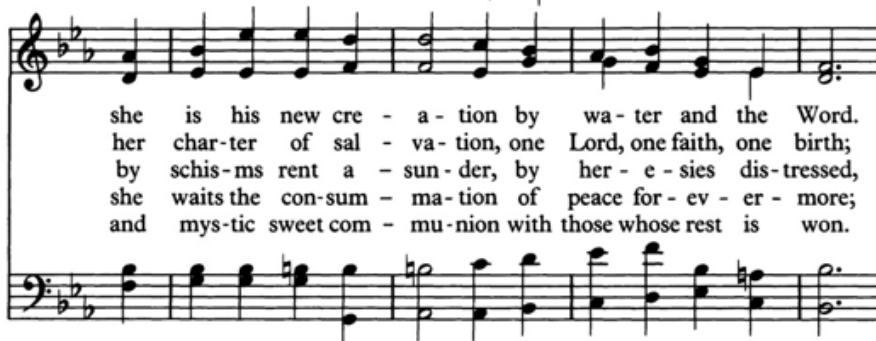
Reader: Eugenia Vicars
Acolyte: Payton Franks
Nursery:

Crucifer: Neal Franks
Children's Worship: Raina Newman &
Lauren Searcy

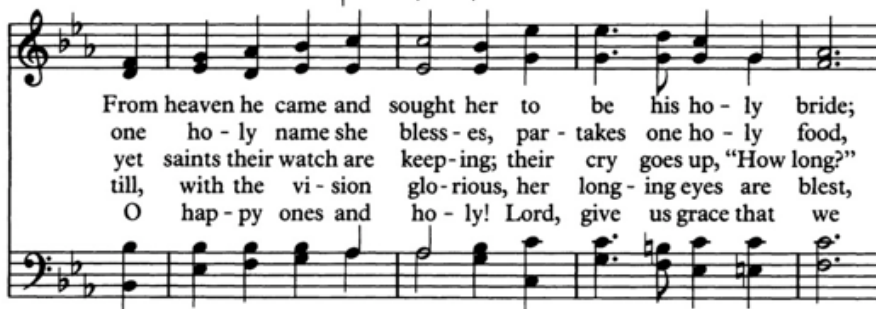
545 The Church's One Foundation



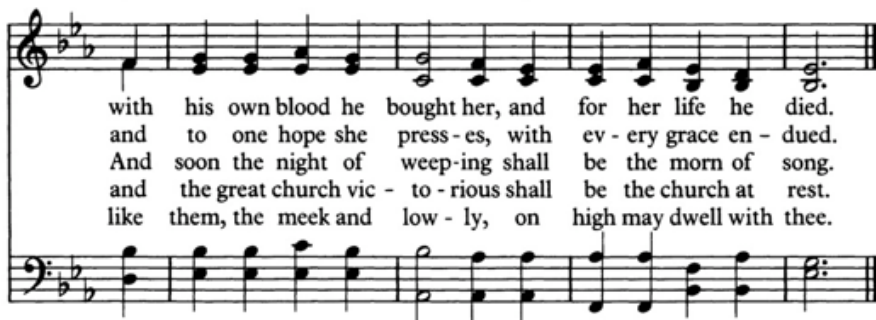
1. The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

When We All Get to Heaven 701

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus; sing his mer - cy
 2. While we walk the pil - grim path - way, clouds will o - ver -
 3. Let us then be true and faith - ful, trust - ing, serv - ing
 4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon his beau - ty

and his grace. In the man - sions bright and bless - ed
 spread the sky; but when trav - eling days are o - ver,
 ev - ery day; just one glimpse of him in glo - ry
 we'll be - hold; soon the pearl - y gates will o - pen;

Refrain
 he'll pre - pare for us a place.
 not a shad - ow, not a sigh. When we all get to
 will the toils of life re - pay.
 we shall tread the streets of gold.

heav - en, what a day of re - joic - ing that will be!

When we all see Je - sus, we'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry!

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 10/15	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Tues, 10/17	Men's Community: Local Cue	7:00pm
Wed, 10/18	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 10/19	Golden Girls: Saint Paul	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Tues, 10/24	Women's Community: 208 Meeting Place	7:00pm
Sun, 10/29	Fall Block Party: Saint Paul	2-5:00pm
Wed, 11/1	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Sun, 11/5	All Saints	

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 10/12-10/13. We apologize for any inconvenience.*

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: Davis Lupo, Kathy Weathers, 10/16; Tatyana Brannon 10/19; Heather Boone 10/21

Happy Anniversary: Buddy & Pat Tompkins are celebrating 51 years together on 10/21.

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 NOT be meeting in November. 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 11/13 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 be meeting on 11/20 at 8pm via Zoom. See you in November. 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 11/27 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!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Furman Wesley
Fellowship

Clemson, USC or Furman? Which team is your favorite?

We are still collecting donations for Furman Wesley Fellowship in our team buckets. May the best team win!



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



Golden Girls Bible Study and Luncheon: Bring your lunch and join us on 10/19 at 11:30am at Saint Paul as we continue to study the women of the Bible. We are currently looking at the following: Matthew 1:18-2:23; Luke 1:26-56, 2:1-52, 8:19-21; and John 2:1-12, 19:25-27.



Women's Community: We will be gathering for an evening of fellowship and spiritual growth on 10/24 at 7pm at 208 Meeting Place. We hope to see you there.



Fall 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, crafts, games, music, face painting, and fun for all ages. Please consider volunteering for trunk-or-treating, donations of candy, or running one of the craft or games tables. **We still need volunteers!** Let's come have fun together!



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-fKfxlsqtx4JQUZPnrAnvNA/viewform>



Kids4Christ and Little Lambs: Our children's choirs have started back rehearsing during the Sunday School hour. Kids4Christ will be practicing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Little Lambs will be practicing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Please try to have them here to practice so that they can sing in an upcoming worship service. Thank you!



We are packing food bags again and are in need of the following donations. Please make sure all items are easy to open and can be cooked in a microwave. Thank you!

We need 30 each of the following:

Cup of Soup

Vienna Sausage

Crackers

Ramen Noodles

Chef Boy-R-Dee

Fruit Cups

Grits/oatmeal

Mac & Cheese

Individual Boxes of Cereal

Jelly

Boxes of Cereal Bars

Dinty Moore soup cans