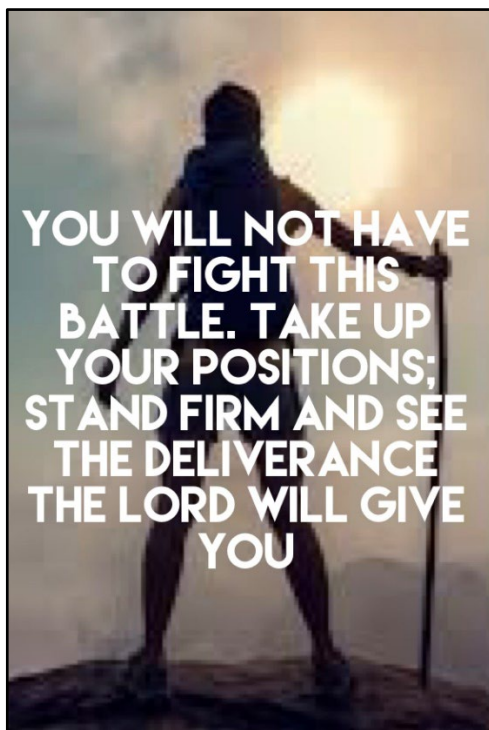




# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**October 22, 2023**

864-235-3494 - [saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com)

Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at [www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](http://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](http://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 "Prelude in B-flat" Handel

\*Processional Hymn "To God Be the Glory" Hymnal no.98

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship from 2 Corinthians 12

Leader: If I can in reality say anything about myself, it is that I am weak.

**People: No matter what others think of me, what others expect of me, I know that many times I have been without strength, afraid, tired, frail.**

Leader: So better than to pretend, let me be as I am, in need of God,

**People: and then the burdens, the burdens I would like to, but cannot change about my life, let me through Christ, accept them, and somehow glorify God by the way I deal with them.**

Leader: For the small I become,

**People: The greater becomes God's grace in me.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: O Lord, as we withstand the battles, remind us we are not surrounded by troubles; but we are surrounded by You. Through scripture and word, speak to us today; so that we may withstand the battles. 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 "My Lord is Near Me All the Time" Wilson  
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.

## Offertory

We will be collecting for our Missions fund today.

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.**

\*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 Psalm 131 NRSV (pg.542 OT)  
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Withstand the Battle With Communication"  
Rev. Davon Harrelson

## 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

"My Hope is Built"

Hymnal no.368

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Allegrezza"

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 10/15/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,964.94	10/15/2023
Other funds	\$181.62	In-person: 40
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$3,146.56</b>	Online: 0

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Payton Franks

Acolyte: Avery Franks

Nursery:

Crucifer: Neal Franks

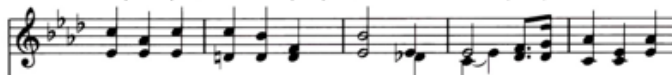
Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox &

Lauren Searcy

## To God Be the Glory



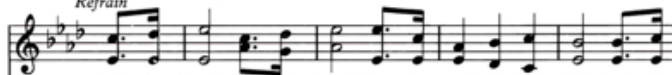
1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -



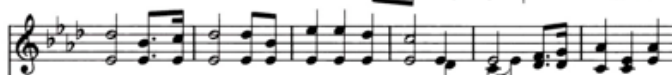
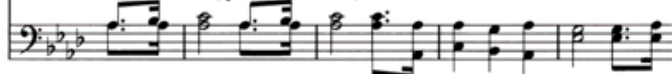
world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and



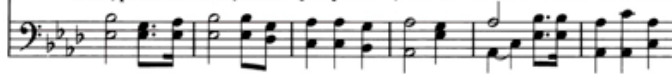
tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

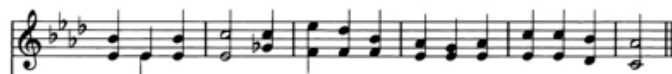
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



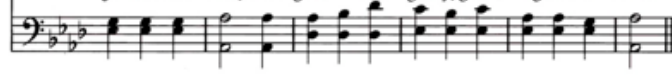
Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thru



## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!



## My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and  
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my  
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 10/15	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Tues, 10/24	Women's Community: 208 Meeting Place	7:00pm
Wed, 10/25	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm

## Upcoming events:

Sun, 10/29	No Tricks, All Treats in the Triangle	3-5:00pm
Wed, 11/1	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Sun, 11/5	All Saints	

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

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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:** Dick Davis 10/23; Charlie Robertson 10/27; Gary Putnam 10/29

**Happy Anniversary:** Brian & Tennille Crnobrnja 10/27. John & Becky Smith will be celebrating 55 years together on 10/28. 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*, 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: Kathy Weathers

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## 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 Knobloch, 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 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



**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.



**Tables needed!** If you have tailgating tables or fold up tables that you would be willing to let us use for the All Treats, No Tricks in the Triangle Block Party, please contact Edna Patterson or bring them by the church. We will need them by the 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



**All Treats, No Tricks in the Triangle:** Come out for a fun time with the neighborhood as we host our All Treats, No Tricks in the Triangle Block Party on 10/29 from 3 to 5pm. There will be trunk-or-treating, crafts, games, music, face painting, character visits, 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!



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



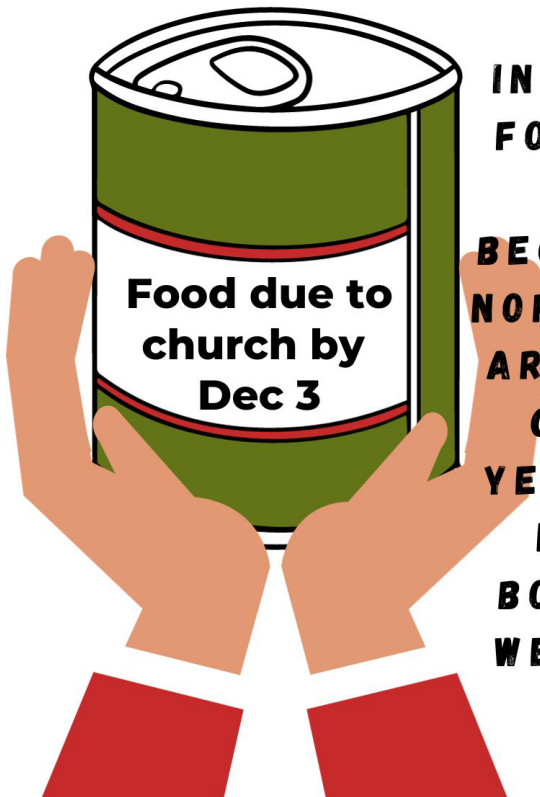
**Fellowship Dinner:** Join us on 11/1 for dinner and fellowship. We will be having Chicken, creamed corn, peas, a dessert and beverage. Donations will go to School Missions fund. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/2G21bpr2w61TFy9Y9>

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# FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE SENIOR ADULTS AT THE  
STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER

**FOR BEST STEWARDSHIP PLEASE SEE THE LIST  
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NARTHEX OR DROP SOME CHANGE IN THE  
BUCKET UNDER IT!**



**IN THE PAST, BOXES OF  
FOOD HAVE BEEN GIVEN  
TO THESE SENIORS  
BECAUSE MANY OF THEIR  
NORMAL FOOD RESOURCES  
ARE NOT OPEN BETWEEN  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW  
YEARS DAY. WITH FUNDS  
NOT AVAILABLE FOR  
BOXES THIS YEAR, MAY  
WE AT SAINT PAUL UMC  
FILL THE GAP AND  
PROVIDE!**

# Sterling Community Center

# Fall Fest

Harvest the Fun!

Thursday, October 26

6-8pm | 113 Minus Street  
Greenville, SC 29601



## Harvest Games

FOR ALL AGES



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