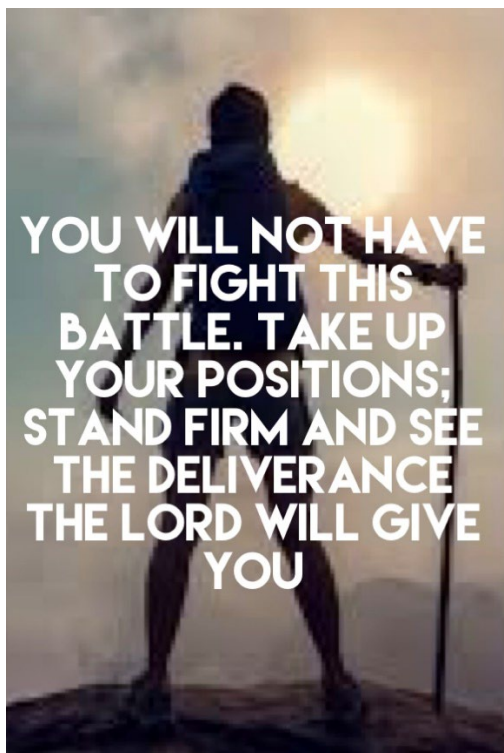




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



October 08, 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

Prelude "Prelude No. 1 from Well-Tempered Clavichord" Bach

*Processional Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Hymnal no.496
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship from Exodus 17

Leader: But Moses' hands grew weary,

People: so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it,

Leader: while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side

People: so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

*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 and a community you've gifted us with. May we hold up one another, may we allow others to hold us up. 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.

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.

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

Psalms 133

UM Hymnal #850

*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 Mark 2:1-5 NRSV (pg.34 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Withstand the Battle With Community"

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 Furman Wesley Foundation. Support your favorite college team by dropping your donation in your team's bucket. May the best team win!

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 "His Name is Wonderful" Hymnal no.174

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

Postlude "Little Dance in F" Haydn

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 10/01/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,266.09	10/012023
Other funds		In-person: 75
Total Giving	\$1,266.09	Online:

Today's Servers:

Reader: Charlie Stephens

Acolyte: Taylor-May Stephens

Nursery:

Crucifer: Henry Stephens

Children's Worship: Jeannine Cox &

Heather Storey

Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me
 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I
 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall

from a world of care, and bids me at my
 feel, the bliss I share of those whose anx-ious
 my pe-ti-tion bear to him whose truth and

Fa-ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.
 spir-its burn with strong de-sires for thy re-turn!
 faith-ful-ness en-gage the wait-ing soul to bless.

In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has
 With such I has-ten to the place where God my
 And since he bids me seek his face, be-lieve his

of-ten found re-lief, and oft es-caped the
 Sav-ior shows his face, and glad-ly take my
 word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my

PRAYER, TRUST, HOPE

tempt-er's snare by thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer!
 sta-tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
 ev-ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

His Name Is Wonderful

His name is won-der-ful, his name is won-der-ful, his name is

won-der-ful, Je - sus, my Lord. He is the might-y King,

Mas-ter of ev-ery-thing; his name is won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord.

He's the great Shep-herd, the Rock of all a - ges, al - might-y

God is he; bow down be - fore him, love and a -

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 10/8	Project Host Service Sunday	9:00am
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 10/9	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
Wed, 10/11	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 10/12	Office closed	
Fri, 10/13	Office closed	
	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6:00pm

Upcoming events:

Tues, 10/17	Men's Community: Local Cue	7:00pm
Thurs, 10/19	Golden Girls: Saint Paul	11:30am
Tues, 10/24	Women's Community: 208 Meeting Place	7:00pm
Sun, 10/29	Fall Block Party: Saint Paul	2-5:00pm

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: MerriElizabeth Cable, Matthew Pool, 10/10; Robert Terminato Sr, 10/14

Happy Anniversary: Charlie & Diane Robertson, 10/9

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 11/6 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. All are welcome. All committee and team chairs are asked to attend if they are able.



Finance Committee: Will NOT be meeting in October. 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 NOT be meeting on 10/23 as we will have just completed Charge Conference. See you in November. 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? We are still collecting donations for Furman Wesley

Fellowship in our team buckets. May the best team win!



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!



[Join us for lunch and fellowship on 10/10 at 11:30am at Stax Omega on Orchard Park Drive. Please RSVP at https://forms.gle/XqjKHDNkK43aRkoz5](https://forms.gle/XqjKHDNkK43aRkoz5)



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 with 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 Drive for an evening of laughter and fellowship. We would love to see you there.

Golden Girls Bible Study and Luncheon: Bring you 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 would love to have your participation as we reach out to our community. 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-fKfxlsgtx4JQUZPnrAnvNA/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