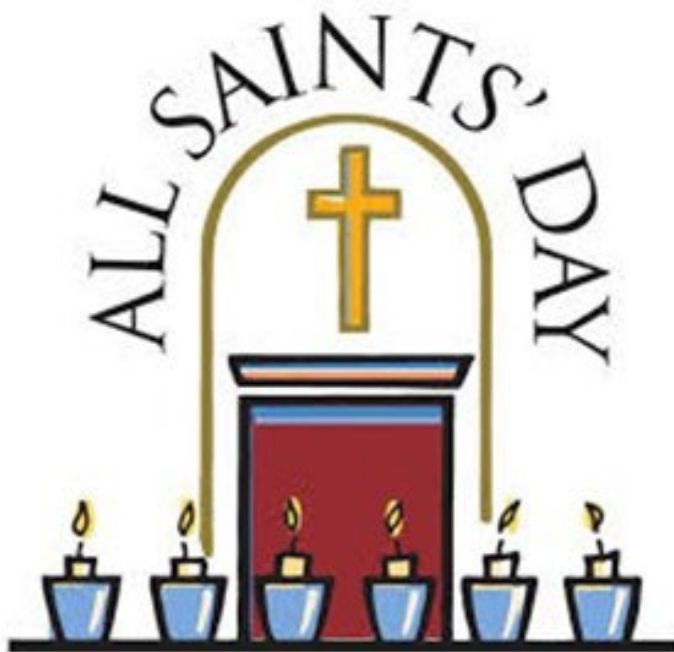




# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



### **All Saints' Day** **November 5, 2023**

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

Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at [www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](https://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](https://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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Whitworth

\*Processional Hymn "For All the Saints" Hymnal no.711

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ the victorious give to your servants rest

**People: with your saints in the regions of light.**

Leader: Grief and pain ended, and sighing no longer,

**People: there, may they find everlasting life.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Jesus wept; so, we can too. When tears come from grief, may we trust our God understands us and draws closer to us. May that sustain us until the trumpet sounds and we have together, forever, with 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.**

All Saints Commemoration and Lighting of the Candles

All Saints Prayer

**We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem "Homeward Bound" Irish Tune

Bill Searcy, tenor solo

### 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 this month. All donations will be equally shared between our Missions fund and School Missions fund.

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.**

## \* Psalter Reading

Psalm 34:15-22

UM Hymnal no.770

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UM Hymnal no.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

John 11:38-45

NRSV (pg.99 NT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Take Off Them Grave Clothes"

## 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.**

Sending

\*Closing Hymn

“Hymn of Promise”

Hymnal no.707

\*Benediction

Postlude

“March in F”

Whitworth

**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 10/29/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,397.20	10/29/2023
Other funds	\$1,227.77	In-person: 65
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$2,624.97</b>	Online: 70

**Today’s Servers:**

Reader: Collins Cheshire

Crucifer: Collins Cheshire

Acolyte: Anna Cheshire

Children’s Worship:

Nursery: Not available today

Banner Bearer: Charlie Stephens

All Saints Server: Charlie Stephens

**We collected \$419.63 for the Wesley Foundation. Well done!** I am sad to say that Carolina lost with \$32.01. Clemson fought hard but came in second with \$186.00. Furman won the day with \$201.62! Congratulations Team Furman.

**In honor of All Saints’ Day, we would like to remember those of our congregation who have passed on: Eleanor Cunningham and Joe Whitmire, along with those we lost as families and friends. They left their mark for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you for the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.**

## For All the Saints

*Unison*

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
 3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 \*4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Harmony*

\* 4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;

yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: William W. How, 1864  
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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\*Stanza 4 may be sung unaccompanied.

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## Hymn of Promise

*Unison*

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;  
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter-flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,  
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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## Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 11/5	All Saints	
	SALT Class luncheon: Todaro Pizza	after Worship
Mon, 11/6	Bag Packing for Students: 100 Blassingame	10:00am
Wed, 11/8	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Fri, 11/10	Office Closed for Veterans Day	
	Parents' Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm

## Upcoming events:

Mon, 11/13	S/PPRC meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 11/14	Fellowship Luncheon: Firebirds Grill	11:30am
	Women's Community: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm
Wed, 11/15	Men's Community: Rocky's Hot Chicken	7:00pm
Thurs, 11/16	Golden Girls: Saint Paul	11:30am

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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.

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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](#)



## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** Thomas Pool, Lisa Pool 11/2; Christopher Searcy, Owen Roberts 11/3; Randy Rogers 11/4; William Hall 11/5; Steele Gamble, Jenna Ackerman, Oliva Newman 11/7; Rebecca Roper 11/11

**Happy Anniversary:** There are 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, **Tony DeYoung**, Jesse Franks, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, **Beth Jeffers**, 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:

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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



**SALT Class:** The SALT Class will be enjoying lunch after church on Sunday, 11/5, at Todaro Pizza on Markley Street.



**Packing of Food Bags:** We will be going to the MT Anderson Support Center on 11/6 at 10am to help pack food bags for Greenville County students in need. Join us at 100 Blessingame Road in Greenville and lend a hand!



**Fellowship Dinner:** Join us on 11/8 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>



**Parents' Night Out:** Plan your date night for 11/10 from 6 to 9pm. Drop the children off at Saint Paul. We will provide dinner and an activity while you enjoy the evening. Please RSVP at

<https://forms.gle/ouKzfgXBNat5tjmVA>.

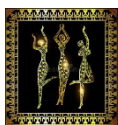


**Women's Community:** We will be meeting on 11/14 from 6 to 9 pm at Saint Paul in the Fellowship Hall for a paint night. Please RSVP using this link: <https://forms.gle/YG7aEdkY54pozgrdA>.

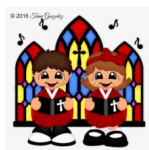
Once you have RSVP'd please email [Carolinacolors864@yahoo.com](mailto:Carolinacolors864@yahoo.com) to be invoiced for the paint night. The cost is \$45 plus \$5 if you want word stencils. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Roper or the church office.



**Men's Community:** We will be meeting on 11/15 at 7pm at Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack on Laurens Road. Join us for an evening of laughter and fellowship.



**Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon:** Bring your lunch and join us on 11/16 at 11:30am at Saint Paul in the Social Hall for a lunch time of fellowship and bible study. We are discussing the women of the Bible.



**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!



**Christmas Gifts:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered to sponsor a child! We will be providing gifts for 30 students across the Greenville County School system this year. Sponsors should have received a letter and their child's profile via email and in the mail.

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# FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE SENIOR ADULTS AT THE  
STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER

FOR BEST STEWARDSHIP PLEASE SEE THE LIST  
OF ITEMS AND QUANTITY NEEDED IN THE  
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!

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**A note from SPPRC:** We are collecting for the Staff Christmas Bonuses for Melissa, Bill, and Gary through Sunday, December 17th. Please consider a generous donation to help us thank our wonderful staff for their continued dedication to St. Paul. Please ensure you designate your donation as "staff Christmas Bonus" when donating.

