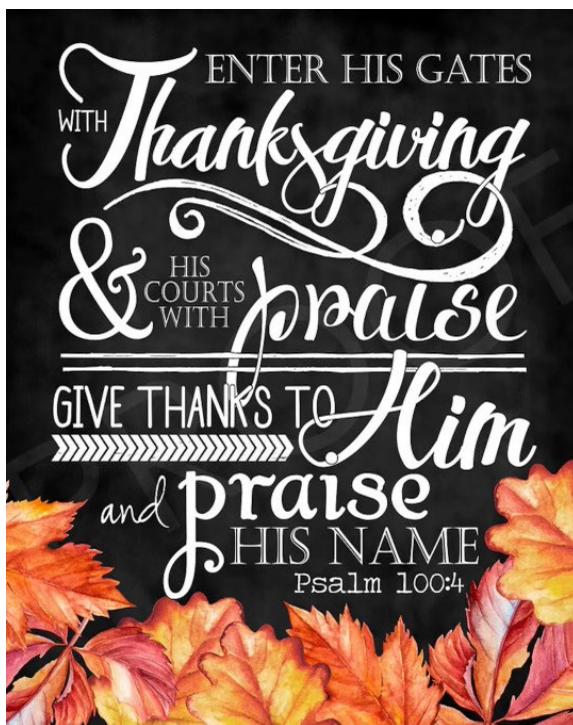




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



November 19, 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 "A Time for All Things" Wagner

*Processional Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Hymnal no.694

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

People: and his courts with praise;

Leader: give thanks to him and praise his name,

People: for the Lord is good

Leader: and his love endures forever;

People: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: O Lord we thank You that the weak can say "I am strong", oh Lord we thank You that the poor can say "I am rich", oh Lord we thank You because of what You have done for us. 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 Shepherd" Page/Shafferman
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 our Missions funds today. All donations will be split between our Missions fund and our School missions fund for upcoming outreach.

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

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed and do what you have commanded. 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.

*Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:16-18

NRSV (pg.226 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Beyond Word and Talk"

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

"We Gather Together"

Hymnal no.131

*Benediction

Postlude

"Celebrate"

Saylor

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 11/12/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,951.00	11/12/2023
Other funds	\$875.00	In-person: 65
Total Giving	\$2,826.00	Online: 213

Today's Servers:

Reader: Steele Gamble

Acolyte: Steele Gamble

Nursery:

Crucifer: Stephanie Gamble

Children's Worship: Christine Hall

& TBD

A memorial and honorarium was given to the glory of God in memory of Ron Howard who served his country in the Navy and to honor all who have and are sacrificing so much to defend our country by Sue Howard.

694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
 God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
 har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
 har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

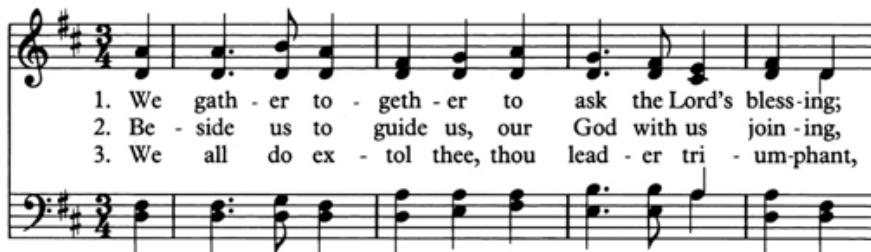
for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

SPECIAL DAYS


tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

We Gather Together

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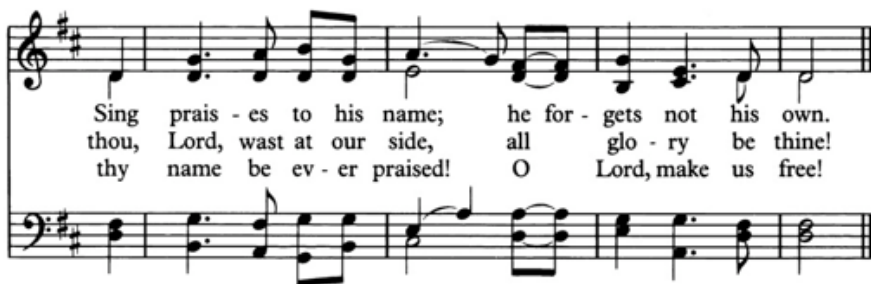
1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - umphant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 11/19	Worship committee decoration preparation	12:30pm
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 11/20	Meal Bag Packing: 100 Blassingame Rd	10:00am
	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 11/22	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday, 11/23	Thanksgiving: Office closed	
Friday, 11/24	Office closed	

Upcoming events:

Sun, 11/26	Church Advent decorating: Saint Paul	After worship
Mon, 11/27	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Sun, 12/3	Christmas Child Gifts due: Saint Paul	
	Sterling food bag packing: Saint Paul	10:30am
	Youth Shopping for Christmas Child	12:30-3:00pm
	Messy Church & Advent Wreath Workshop	4-6:00pm

From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or matthewegreer@gmail.com)

It's that time of the year where the Finance Committee will be asking for pledges. I want to guide you on your spiritual journey and (even though I'll never see them) this includes stewardship as it relates to your pledge cards. Here are some suggested steps when the pledge sheets come:

- 1) Pray.**
- 2) Consider the needs of the church and community.**
- 3) Consider the works of God through Saint Paul UMC that have been accomplished over the past few years.**
- 4) If you are unsure about 2 or 3, come ask me!**
- 5) Consider your income; what should you pledge?**
- 6) Give.**

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.

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: Vicki Bolen 11/20; Larry Jones, Donna Connelly 11/25

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:

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will NOT be meeting in December. 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 12/11 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. We will be joined by Walker Riley, our investment advisor. 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



Packing of Food Bags: We will be going to the MT Anderson Support Center on 11/20 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!



Church Advent Decorating: The Worship Team will be decorating the church for the Advent season on 11/26. They are asking for volunteers to come and help, especially with the higher up decorations. Please consider staying after the service to help decorate the tree or hang wreaths and garlands. Thank you!



Christmas Gifts: Sponsors, please don't forget to have your gifts to the church by 12/3 for blessing on 12/10. The gifts can be dropped off with Melissa in the office or the social hall. Please let Melissa know if you have left your gifts in the social hall. Also, please be sure your bags are labeled with your child's number. Thank you!



Youth Group: Directly following church on 12/3, the youth will go out to eat and then to the Powdersville Walmart to shop for Christmas gifts for the two children they are sponsoring. They can be picked up at 3pm at the church.



Messy Church: We will be hosting a Messy Church event on 12/3 from 4 to 6pm. A Cheeseburger supper will be included. Please RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/hnV6FA9xS4hBFV5s8>



Advent Wreath Workshop: During our Messy Church Event on 12/3, we will be hosting our Annual Advent Wreath Workshop, as well. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/RugxwzzYYPGVq6Wo7>



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!

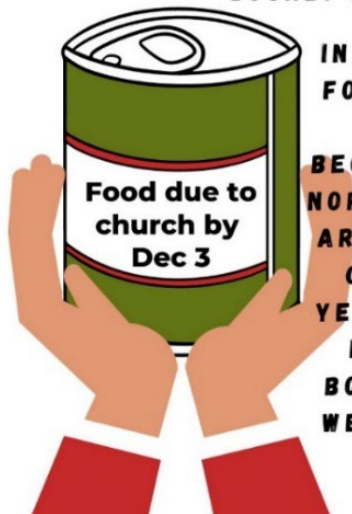


A note from SPPRC: We are collecting for the Staff Christmas Bonuses for Melissa, Bill, and Gary through Sunday, December 17th. Please consider a generous donation to help us thank our wonderful staff for their continued dedication to St. Paul. Please ensure you designate your donation as "staff Christmas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

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!