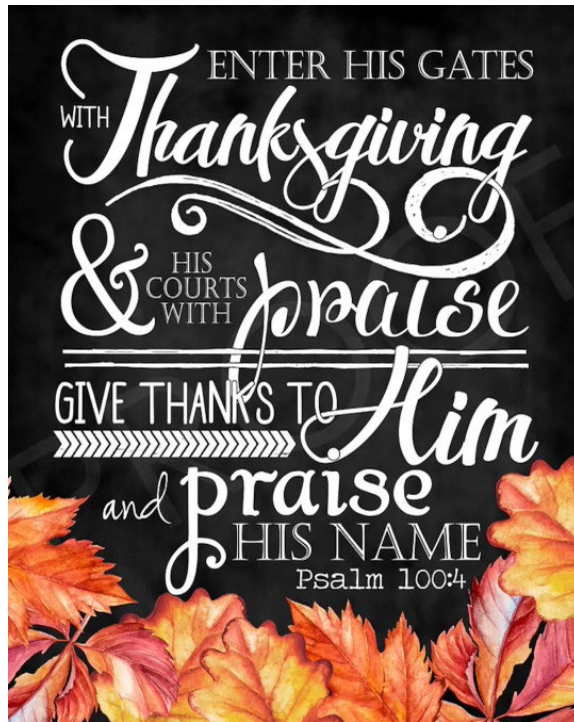




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



November 26, 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

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

"I Ask the Lord"

Duncan

*Processional Hymn

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Hymnal no.365

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

from 2 Corinthians 12:9

Leader: But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,

People: for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Leader: Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses,

People: so that Christ's power may rest on me."

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, Tis the season where we gather around tables. Tables with empty chairs where loved ones used to sit. Tables where we question our value. Tables that lack full reconciliation. As we await these tables to be made perfect in your love, we thank you for a current spot at your perfect table. 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

"Honor the King of Heaven"

Parks

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.

*Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:8-11 NRSV (pg.172 NT)
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

*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.

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 15:21-28 NRSV (pg.16 NT)
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "A Better Table"

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

"Amazing Grace"

Hymnal no.378

*Benediction

Postlude

"I Will Serve Thee"

Gaither

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 11/19/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,824.56	11/19/2023
Other funds	\$652.89	In-person: 50
Total Giving	\$2,477.45	Online: 86

Today's Servers:

Reader: Payton Franks

Acolyte: Avery Franks

Nursery:

Crucifer: Neal Franks

Children's Worship: Edna Patterson

& Lauren Searcy

Grace Greater than Our Sin

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,
 2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold,
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide.
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,

grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!
 threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss;
 What can a - vail to wash it a - way?
 free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!

Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
 grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
 Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide,
 You that are long - ing to see his face,

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross.
 bright - er than snow you may be to - day.
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

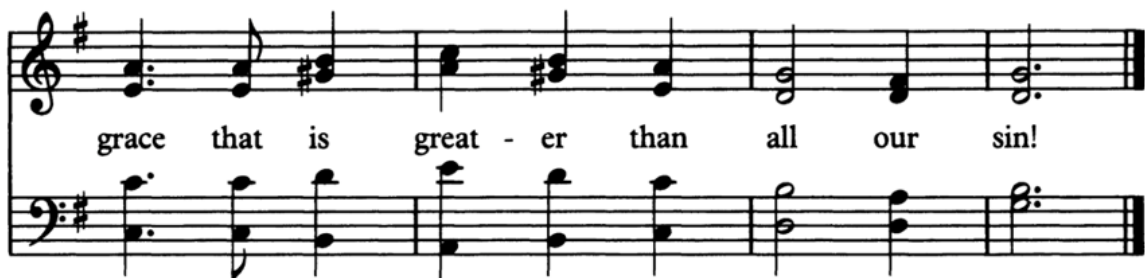
Refrain



Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and



cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's grace,



grace that is great - er than all our sin!

WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 (Rom. 5:20)
MUSIC: Daniel B. Townere, 1910

MOODY
99.99 with Refrain

Amazing Grace

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
 in the veil, a life of joy and peace.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Cherokee

OOH NAY THLA NAH, HEE OO WAY GEE.'
 E GAH GWOO YAH HAY EE.
 NAW GWOO JOE SAH, WE YOU LOW SAY,
 E GAH GWOO YAH HO NAH.

Navajo

NIZHÓNÍGO JOOBA' DITTS' A'
 YISDÁSHÍTINÍGÍ,
 LAH YÓÓÍYÁ, K'AD SHÉNÁHOOSDZIN,
 DOO EESH'ÍÍ DA NT'ÉÉ.

Kiowa

DAW K'EE DA HA DAWTSAHY HE TSOW'HAW
 DAW K'EE DA HA DAWTSAHY HEE.
 BAY DAWTSAHY TAW, GAW AYM OW THAH T'AW,
 DAW K'EE DA HA DAWTSAHY H'EE.

Creek

PO YA FEK CHA HE THLAT AH TET
 AH NON AH CHA PA KAS
 CHA FEE KEE O FUNNAN LA KUS
 UM E HA TA LA YUS.

Choctaw

SHILOBISH HOLITOPA MA!
 ISHMMINTI PULLA CHA
 HATAK ILBUSA PIA HA
 IS PI YUKPALASHKE.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 6 anon.; phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, **AMAZING GRACE**
 Creek, Choctaw as sung in Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference; Navajo phonetic
 transcription by Albert Tsosi (1 Chr. 17:16-17) **CM**

MUSIC: 19th cent. USA melody; harm. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 11/26	Church Advent decorating: Saint Paul	After worship
Wed, 11/29	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Mon, 11/27	CANCELLED: Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm

Upcoming events:

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
Wed, 12/6	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Fri, 12/8	Parents' Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm

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: Graham Johnson 12/1; Blythe Knobeloch 12/2

Happy Anniversary: Jason & Whitney Feaster 11/27. 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, 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 12/18 at 8pm via Zoom. We will be joined by Walker Riley, our investment advisor. 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 NOT 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



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/RuqwxzzYYPGVq6Wo7>



Kids4Christ and Little Lambs: Our children's choirs are rehearsing during the Sunday School hour. Kids4Christ practice on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Little Lambs practice 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!

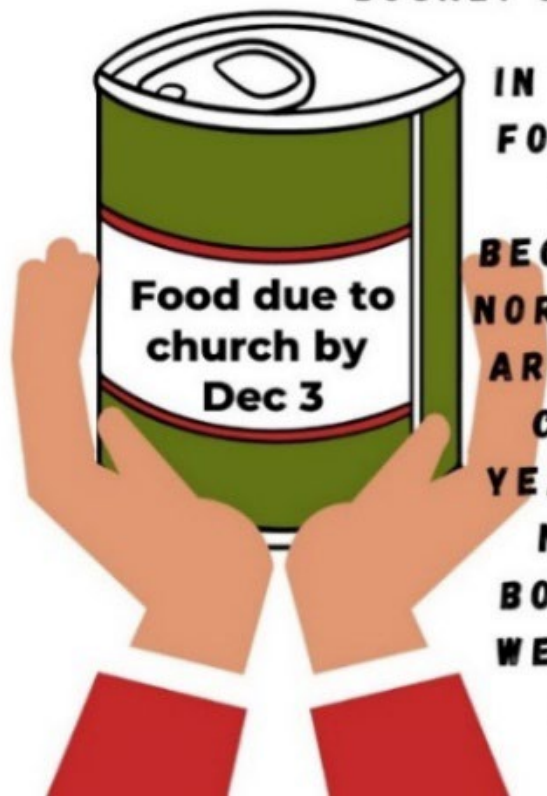


A note from SPPRC: We are collecting for the Staff Christmas Bonuses for Melissa, Bill, and Gary through Sunday, December 17th. Please consider a generous donation to help us thank our wonderful staff for their continued dedication to St. Paul. Please ensure you designate your donation as "staff Christmas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

Saint Paul UMC

presents a very merry



December 4:00-5:30

with cookout style

dinner at 5:30