



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



January 14, 2024

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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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 "We Would See Jesus" Mendelssohn

*Processional Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Hymnal no.158

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Mistreated, Hagar ran away to a desert,

People: but the Lord saw her.

Leader: The Lord's messenger spoke to her,

People: and Hagar knew the Lord saw her.

Leader: This lead her to name her God, "El Roi";

People: meaning, "The God Who Sees Me".

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, no other name is our shelter, our helper, provider, refuge, and strength. No other name has the power to save; has the power to conquer the grave. In that name, that is enough, Jesus. 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 "We Who Are Called" Hamlin

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

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 Lord, may the words from scripture and the words proclaimed come bubbling up through our lips when it's our time to pray. 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

Exodus 15:22-27

NRSV (pg.60 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A is for Adoration"

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

“Blessed Assurance”

Hymnal no.369

*Benediction

Postlude

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Kirpatrick

Today's Servers:

Reader: Martha Ball

Acolyte: Payton Franks

Crucifer: Neal Franks

Children's Worship: Lauren Searcy
& Raina Newman

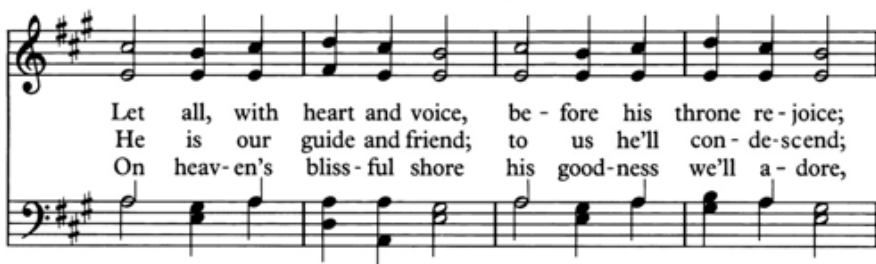
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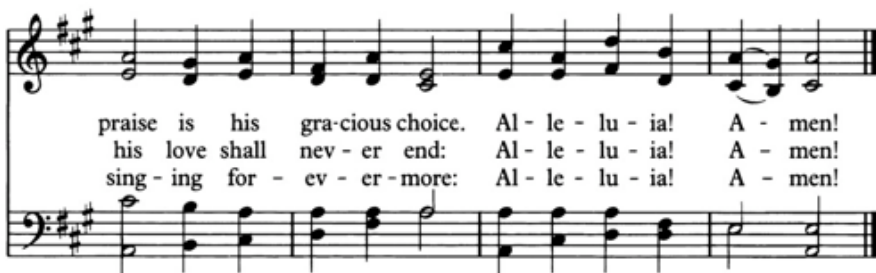
1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;

O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

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prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873
MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE
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Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 1/14	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 1/15	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Thurs, 1/18	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: St Paul	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 1/21	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 1/22	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 1/23	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
1/26 – 1/29	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia	all weekend

From Pastor Matt

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

I am starting out the new year with a new phone! Please take a couple of minutes to send a text to the number above with your name. 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.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Henry Stephens 1/17; Annabelle Becker 1/19.

Happy Anniversary: There are not anniversaries this month.

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*, **Peggy Whitmire and family**, 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)

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on in 2/5 at 7pm at Saint Paul. Members are John Sprinkle, Deborah Goodwin, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, Marcus Stephens, Elliott Hall, and Stephanie Gamble. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will be meeting on 2/12 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, Christine Hall, John Tate, Janet Cook, and Eugenia Vicars. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 1/15 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, Davis Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 1/22 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Camille Pool, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Stephen Newman, John Sprinkle, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Debra Hampton, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Missions Team: Will be meeting on 1/14 directly after the worship service. Members are Edna Patterson, Rebecca Roper, Debbie Goodwin, Lori Cheshire, Debra Hampton, Peggy Whitmire, Teresa Ferrell, and Pat Tompkins



Worship Team: Please coordinate a meeting date to plan out 2024 and elect your representative to Church Council by contacting Davis Lupo at <mailto:ldavisl@aol.com>. Members are: Davis Lupo, Peggy Whitmire, Bill Searcy, Stephanie Gamble, Eugenia Vicars, Edna Patterson, Katie Knobloch, John Tate, Becky Smith, Becky Hollifield, and Raina Newman.

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Youth Group: We will be meeting on 1/14 at Saint Paul.



Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Will be on 1/18 at 11:30am at Saint Paul. Let us enter the new year with our continued study of the women in the Bible. Bring your lunch and let's learn.

