



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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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

Prelude "In Dulci Jubilo" J.S. Bach

*Processional Hymn "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" Hymnal no.371
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Breathe on us, breath of God, breathe on us.

People: I come alive, I'm alive when you breathe on me.

Leader: Speak to us, word of God, speak to us.

People: I come alive, I'm alive when you speak to me.

Leader: Awake, awake, awake my soul.

People: God resurrect these bones.

Leader: From death to life, through you alone.

People: Awake my soul.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: God of all compassion and consolation, your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith through Christ, our Lord. Help us to dance with the spirit, and the breath of life, which calls us out of the valley of dry bones and into the Kingdom of God. 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 "Lord, Tune Our Hearts" Joseph M Martin
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.

*Responsive Reading

Psalms 130

UM Hymnal #848

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.

*Sermon Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

NRSV (pg.759 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Rattle"

Maria Hollis

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 "Take Time to Be Holy" Hymnal no.395

*Benediction

Postlude "The Heaves are Telling" J. Hyden

Today's Servers:

Reader: Katie Knobloch

Crucifer: David Knobloch

Acolyte: John David Knobloch

Children's Worship: Lauren Searcy &
Edna Patterson

Maria Hollis is a certified lay speaker in the UMC. She has filled pulpits in multiple UMC and Presbyterian churches. Through the week, she serves as the director for the Piedmont Emergency Relief Center, an institute that served 5,123 households in 2023. On top of donations and grants, this number has been made possible with Maria's energy and connections to rescue food that would normally be trashed. More than 84,000 pounds of food went into homes of families instead of out to waste. She has even shared with Saint Paul to increase our efforts in packing boxes for the Sterling community and bags for Sullivan Center students. Please give her a warm welcome today.

371 I Stand Amazed in the Presence

1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of
 2. For me it was in the gar - den he
 3. In pit - y an - gels be - held him, and
 4. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he
 5. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his

Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and won - der
 prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no
 came from the world of light to com - fort
 made them his ver - y own; he bore the
 face I at last shall see, 'twill be my

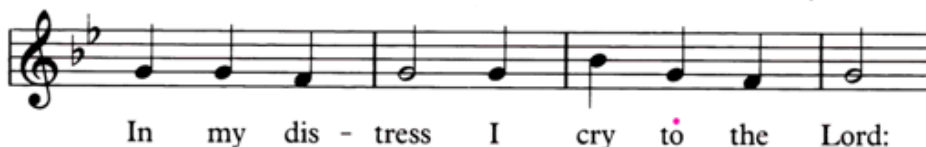
how he could love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.
 tears for his own griefs, but sweat - drops of blood for mine.
 him in the sor - rows he bore for my soul that night.
 bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
 joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.

Refrain
 How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful! And my song shall ev - er be:
 O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - ful!

ASSURANCE

How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!
 O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - ful

Psalm 130

Ps. 120:1-2a
Jane Marshall**RESPONSE** (*Lent, Funerals and Memorial Services & General*)**R**

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
- 2 Lord, hear my voice!
**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**
- 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
- 4 **But there is forgiveness with you,
that you may be worshiped.**
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
in the Lord's word I hope;
- 6 **my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**
- 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.
- 8 **And the Lord will redeem Israel
from all iniquities. R**

Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
 Thus led by his spir - it to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
 and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

Important Dates to Remember

1/26 – 1/29	Revolution! Youth Event: Columbia	all weekend
Tues, 1/30	Bag Packing: 100 Blassingame Rd	9:30am
Wed, 1/31	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:30pm
Upcoming events:		
Sun, 2/4	Worship Team meeting: Saint Paul	After worship
	T-shirt sales start	
Mon, 2/5	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul	7:00pm
2/9 – 2/11	Women's Retreat: Montreat	all weekend
Tues, 2/13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Wed, 2/14	Ash Wednesday	

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: Hadley Edwards, Glenda Anthony, 1/29; Jim Storey 1/30; Camille Pool 1/31; John David Knobeloch 2/4

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this month.

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Ray Byington, **Van Clinkscales**, 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 1/25 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Stephen Newman, Davis Knobloch, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Stephanie Gamble, Edna Patterson, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 2/26 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!



Worship Team: Will be meeting on 2/4 directly after the worship service. Members are: Davis Lupo, Peggy Whitmire, Bill Searcy, Stephanie Gamble, Eugenia Vicars, Edna Patterson, Katie Knobloch, John Tate, Becky Smith, Becky Hollifield, Jake Mullens and Raina Newman.

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Revolution! The youth will be heading to Columbia for Revolution January 26 through 29. Parents, please mark your calendars for this.



Food Bag Packing: Join us at 100 Blessingame Road on 1/30 at 9:30am to pack food bags for Greenville County children in need.



Women's Retreat: We are leaving for Montreat on February 9 through 11th. If you have not paid the final \$88, please do so as soon as possible. We are excited to head off on our Retreat!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: We will be having our annual pancake supper on 2/13 at 5:30pm in the social hall. Everyone is invited to attend. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/8KJPhAgnq2qiSYTR6>

Coming in February... We will be ordering Saint Paul t-shirts for those wishing to buy new ones or get an extra. We will be getting short and long-sleeved options. Watch for the order form and pricing coming soon!

