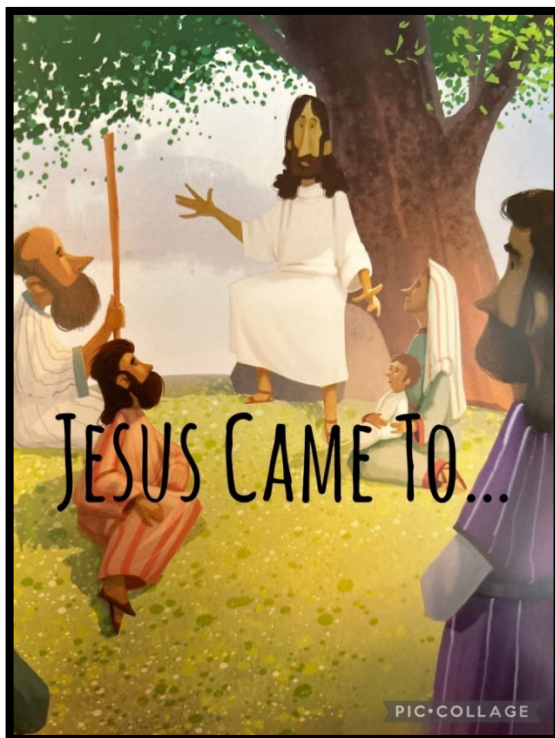




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



February 25, 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

Prelude

"Allegrezza"

Bach

*Processional Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymnal 577

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,

People: Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

Leader: "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

People: At once they left their nets and followed him.

Leader: Going on from there, he saw two other brothers,

People: James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets.

Leader: Jesus called them,

People: and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: The One who calls, with a great plan. You find us in our hobbies and daily duties and invite us into something much greater; joining up for God's mission. Who are we that you would call us co-worker? 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

"Kyrie"

Ancient Greek

"Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have Mercy"

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

From baptism to resurrection, open our hearts to Jesus's life; so our lives may become more like His. 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

Matthew 9:9-12

NRSV (pg.8 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

"Jesus Came To:"

Part 2:

"Invite"

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

"My Hope is Built"

Hymnal no.368

*Benediction

Postlude

"Sortita in B-flat"

Handel

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 02/18/2024	Amount
General Fund	\$1,608.13
Other funds	\$159.92
Total Giving	\$1,768.05
General Fund Giving Goal per month	\$23,477.05
General Fund Giving Goal per week	\$5,417.78
General Fund Received this month to date	\$13,330.77

Today's Servers:

Reader: Martha Ball

Crucifer: Rebecca Roper

Acolyte: Fowler Roper

Children's Worship: Rebecca Roper &

Nursery:

Lauren Searcy

Please join the Youth in the fellowship hall after service as they host a churchwide soup lunch! Donations will be accepted to fund the youth room revamp.

577 God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION

hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

My Hope Is Built

368

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 2/25	Youth Soup Luncheon: Saint Paul	After worship
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	T-shirt orders are due	
Mon, 2/26	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 2/27	Women's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Wed, 2/28	Office Closed	
	Bag Packing: 100 Blassingame Road	9:30am
	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 2/29	Office Closed	
Fri, 3/1	Office Closed	

Upcoming events:

Sun, 3/3	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	March of Dimes	
Mon, 3/4	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Wed, 3/6	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Fri, 3/8	Parents' Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm

From Pastor Matt

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

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. *The office will be closed and Melissa will be working from home for the next week or two. Please be patient as she tries to make sure everything is getting done as well as she can.*

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Nancy Smith, 2/25; Brian Becker, 2/26; Melissa Campbell, 2/27; Madelyn Miller, 3/3

Happy Anniversary: Ray & Linda Bruce, 3/1

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Ray Byington, Van Clinkscales, Connie Cox, **Darrie Crabtree**, 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, **Barry & Karen Thomas**, *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)

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on in 3/4 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 3/11 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 3/18 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!



FINANCIAL STATE OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Newman, Chair of the Finance Committee, will be speaking on the financial state of the church during the announcements time on 3/3. He will also be hosting a more detailed meeting following the worship service on 3/10.

Announcements & Upcoming Events



YOUTH SOUP LUNCHEON: The youth will be hosting a soup luncheon following the worship service this Sunday, 2/25. They are raising money to update their classrooms on the third floor. Please plan to stay and help them to improve their space by sharing soup with them.



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY: We will be gathering on 2/26 at 7pm. Location to be determined. Please join us for spiritual growth, fellowship, and much laughter.



SCHOOL FOOD BAG PACKING: We will be packing food bags for Greenville County Students in need on 2/28 at 9:30am at 100 Blasingame. All volunteers are welcome!



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Come raise your voice in song and join the choir. We will be rehearsing on 2/28 at 7pm in the choir room located behind the organ in the sanctuary. We would love to have you come and join!



MARCH OF DIMES: We will be raising funds for the March of Dimes during the month of March. Please bring your change for the buckets during the month. To learn more about the March of Dimes, please speak with Lori Cheshire or click here:

<https://www.marchofdimes.org/>



FELLOWSHIP DINNER: We will gather together on 3/6 for our Fellowship Dinner. Please RSVP at

<https://forms.gle/nm3GqyKWxETKhbbm7>



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: Drop your children off with us on 3/8 from 6 to 9pm and have an evening to go to dinner, relax, or run some errands without the children! We will provide dinner and an activity. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/jpLXpQPjC9Sr17z48>

St. Paul UMC T-Shirt Order Form – Due by Sunday, February 25th

Shirts are available in S to XL and 2XL to 3XL.

Short Sleeves – YS to YL - \$15.00/S to XL - \$18.00/2XL to 3XL - \$20.00

Long Sleeves – YS to YL - \$18.00/S to XL - \$22.00/2XL to 3XL - \$25.00



(Anvil Lightweight T-shirt in Heather Dark Grey)

Name: _____

Total Number of Short-sleeved Shirts: _____ x \$15 per shirt = \$ _____ Total Due

Total Number of Short-sleeved Shirts: _____ x \$18 per shirt = \$ _____ Total Due

Total Number of Short-sleeved Shirts: _____ x \$20 per shirt = \$ _____ Total Due

Total Number of Long-sleeved Shirts: _____ x \$18 per shirt = \$ _____ Total Due

Total Number of Short-sleeved Shirts: _____ x \$22 per shirt = \$ _____ Total Due

Total Number of Long-sleeved Shirts: _____ x \$25 per shirt = \$ _____ Total Due

Please make checks payable to St. Paul UMC and put "T-shirts" on the memo line. Please include this form along with your check in the offering plate. Or you can pay via PayPal putting "t-shirts" on the notes line, or through Realm choosing "General Fund".

Size Selection (if more than one shirt, please put number of each size needed in blank):

Short Sleeves: YS _____ YM _____ YL _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

Long Sleeves: YS _____ YM _____ YL _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____