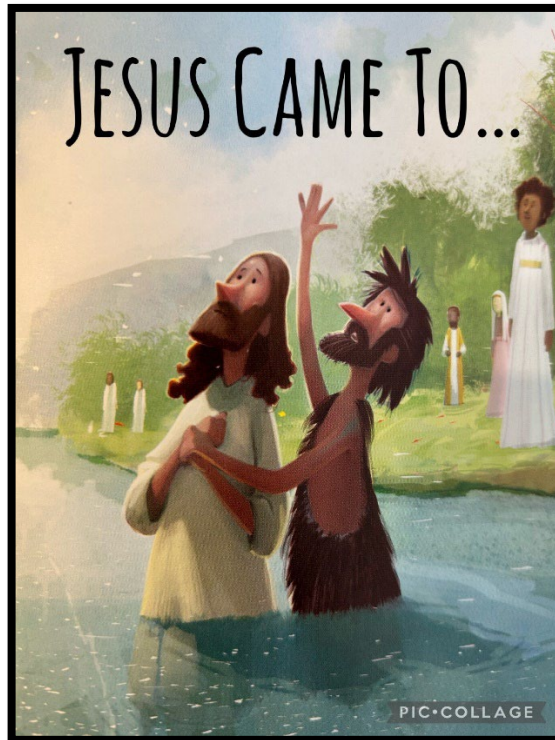




# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**February 18, 2024**

864-235-3494 - [saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com)

Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at [www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/](https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/)

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

Stay connected to your Saint Paul family

[Saintpaulgreenville.org](http://Saintpaulgreenville.org)

[Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc](https://Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc)

Podcast: [podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107](https://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

Prelude

"Allegrezza"

Bach

\*Processional Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Hymnal 269  
Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The enemy said, "If you are the son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

**People: Jesus answered, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."**

Leader: The enemy said, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.

**People: Jesus answered, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"**

Leader: The enemy said, "All this I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me."

**People: Jesus answered, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Oh Lord our God, one who has walked the wilderness. When the enemy comes through, may we respond like you. 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

"Pie Jesu"

Chancel Choir

### Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward.

We invite our K3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3:13-4:2

NRSV (pg.3 NT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon Series

"Jesus Came To"

Part 1:

"Defeat the Devil"

## 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

“Sortita in B-flat”

Handel

**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 02/11/2024</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	\$3,108.44
Other funds	\$624.37
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$5,777.28</b>
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	\$11,722.64

**Today’s Servers:**

Reader:

Crucifer: Tracey Biggers

Acolyte:

Children’s Worship: Jeannine Cox &

Nursery:

TBD

**A memorial was made to the glory of God in memory of Helen Hower by Davis Lupo.**

# Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269

1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days for  
 2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and  
 3. As thou didst hun - ger bear, and thirst, so  
 4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and  
 5. A - bid with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to  
 didst the vic - tory win, O give us strength in  
 teach us, gra - cious Lord, to die to self, and  
 through thy pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more in  
 suf - fer - ing o - ver past, an Eas - ter of un -

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.  
 thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
 chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
 life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bid.  
 end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)

MUSIC: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938;

harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

LAND OF REST

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## 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

Sun, 2/18	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 2/19	President's Day: Office closed	
Tues, 2/20	Fellowship Luncheon: TBD	11:30am
Wed, 2/21	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Thurs, 2/22	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm

### Upcoming events:

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

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### From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or [matthewegreer@gmail.com](mailto: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!*

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**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 on 2/19 for President's Day.*

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### Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** There are no birthdays this week.

**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, Van Clinkscales, Connie Cox, Tennille Crnobrnja and family, 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)

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### 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 2/22 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!

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### Announcements & Upcoming Events



**Fellowship Luncheon:** We will be gathering for lunch on 2/20 at 11:30am. Place to be announced. Please join us for lunch, fellowship, and laughter.



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

