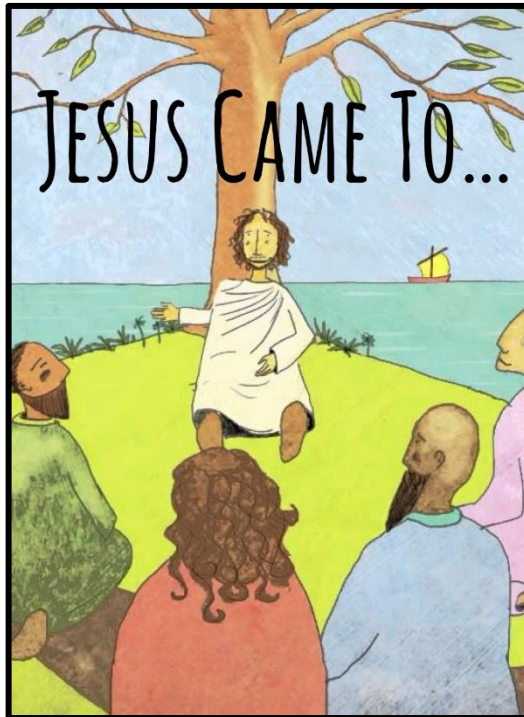




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



March 3, 2024

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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 "Panis Angelicus" Franck

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

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Leader: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: The One who knows our needs before we do. In all that we need, you sent us a teacher. From the Mount to conversations about Earthly relationships, about kingdom; may we take out pen and paper, may we scoot up all the way to your feet, may we learn. 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 "In Remembrance of Me" Courtney
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 are collecting in the buckets for March of Dimes during the month of March.

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.

*Scripture Lesson

Matthew 19:16-26

NRSV (pg.20 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series

"Jesus Came To..."

Part 3

"Teach"

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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" Hymnal no.618

*Benediction

Postlude "Westminster Abbey Hymn" Purcell

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 02/25/2024	Amount
General Fund	\$3,690.20
Other funds	\$1,098.01
Total Giving	\$4,788.21
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	\$17,020.97

Today's Servers:

Reader: Christine Hall

Acolyte: William Hall

Nursery:

Crucifer: Elliott Hall

Children's Worship: Lori Cheshire &

Edna Patterson

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

618 Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)
 (2. Let us) drink wine to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)
 (3. Let us) praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me) ^{1, 2} (☺) *
 2. Let us
 3. Let us

(☺)

*May end after stanza 3

me)4. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy if you please. (if you please)

Fine

WORDS: African American spiritual (Acts 2:42)
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by
 William Farley Smith, 1986

LET US BREAK BREAD
 10 10 with Refrain

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Important Dates to Remember

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
	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Fri, 3/8	Parents' Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 3/10	Daylight Savings Time	Set your clock ahead one hour
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	March of Dimes	
Mon, 3/11	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Tues, 3/12	School Food Bag packing: 100 Blassingame	9:30am
	Fellowship Luncheon: The Blockhouse	11:30am

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: Madelyn Miller, 3/3; Susan Snow, 3/4; Matt Greer, 3/6; Katie Franks, 3/8; Nolan Roberts 3/9

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 Clinkscapes, 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 3/25 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



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY: There is no gathering this month. We will see each other again in March.



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Come raise your voice in song and join the choir. We will be rehearsing on 3/6 at 7pm in the choir room located behind the organ in the sanctuary. We would love to have you come and join!



FELLOWSHIP DINNER: We will gather together on 3/6 for our Fellowship Dinner. We will be having hot dogs, baked beans, chips, dessert, and drinks. 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>



SCHOOL FOOD BAG PACKING: We will be packing food bags for Greenville County Students in need on 3/12 at 9:30am at 100 Blassingame. All volunteers are welcome!



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/>

Thank you to everyone that stayed last week for the youth soup luncheon! We raised \$606.41 to help them revamp their rooms. If you were unable to attend and would like to make a contribution, you can scan the QR code below.



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