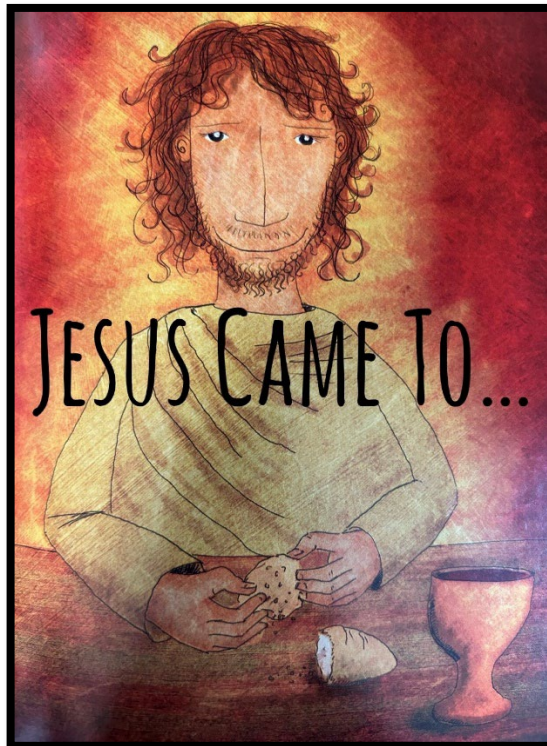




# SAINT PAUL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



**March 24, 2024**

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

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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

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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 "In the Name of the Lord" Gaither

\*Processional Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UM Hymnal no.278

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: In this life, I know what I've been,

**People: But here in Your arms, I know what I am.**

Leader: I'm forgiven.

**People: I'm forgiven.**

Leader: We don't have to carry the weight of who we've been

**People: Because we are forgiven.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Hear the Good News; Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to 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 "The Holy City" Adams

Bill Searcy, tenor

### 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 26:20-39

NRSV (pg.13 NT)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series

"Jesus Came To..."

Pastor Matthew Greer

Part 6

"Forgive"

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      "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"      UM Hymnal no.298

\*Benediction

Postlude                              "Worthy Is the Lamb"                              Wyrzten

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 03/17/2024</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	\$13,569.31
Other funds	\$365.76
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$13,935.07</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	\$12,117.45

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: Davis Lupo

Crucifer: Neal Franks

Acolyte: Payton Franks

Children's Worship: Lauren Searcy

Nursery:

**An honorarium was made to the glory of God in honor of Ryan McCoy.**

Ryan is the grandson of John and Suzanne Sprinkle who was born at 1lb 6oz in May 2, 2022. March of Dimes was a great help when he was born.

**An honorarium was made to the glory of God in honor of Bill Searcy and the Chancel Choir by Susan Kanipe.**

**Memorials were made to the glory of God in memory of Deborah**

**Goodwin by** Edna Patterson, Davis Lupo, Eugenia Vicars, The Beacon of Light Class, and the Golden Girls Bible Study.

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

## 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707 (Gal. 6:14)  
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

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## Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 3/24	Youth Group: Stone Pin Bowling Alley	4:30pm
	March of Dimes	
Mon, 3/25	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 3/26	Women's Community: Home of Heather Storey	7:00pm
Wed, 3/27	Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm

## Upcoming events:

Sun, 3/31	Easter Sunday	
Mon, 4/1	Bag Packing: 100 Blassingame Rd	10:00am
	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul	7:00pm

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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. *Please continue to work with the office as Melissa continues to recover.*

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## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** Bill Searcy, Erin Crolley, John Sprinkle, 3/24; Ray Bruce, 3/26; Lillie Becker, 3/28; John Smith, Amber Greer, 3/29

**Happy Anniversary:** Marcus and MaryAnn Stephens, 3/28; John and Elaine Byers, 3/31. Congratulations!

## 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, Katie Franks, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, **family of 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)

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## Upcoming Meetings



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on in 4/1 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 4/8 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 4/15 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!

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



**YOUTH GROUP:** The youth will be meeting at Stone Pin Bowling, located at 304 E Stone Ave in Greenville, at 4:30pm this Sunday. Don't forget to bring money for shoes and food.



**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY:** We will be gathering on 3/26 at 7pm at the home of Heather Storey, 6 Trails End in Greenville. Come for an evening of fellowship, spiritual growth, and laughter.



**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!





**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/>

*If you would like to make a contribution to the youth to revamp their rooms, you can scan the QR code below.*



*To purchase from their Amazon Wish list, please click on the QR code below.*



Youth Group  
Amazon Wishlist

# 7 LAST WORDS SERVICE.

## MARCH 29TH AT 6:30

1. FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO  
—LUKE 23:34

**EUGENIA VICARS**

2. VERILY I SAY UNTO THEE, TODAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN  
PARADISE. —LUKE 23:43

**CATHY JOENS**

3. WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON! THEN SAITH HE TO THE  
DISCIPLE, BEHOLD THY MOTHER! —JOHN 19:26–27

**MARIA HOLLIS**

4. MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME? —MARK 15:34

**CARRIE NETTLES**

5. I THIRST. —JOHN 19:28

**HILLARY TAYLOR**

6. IT IS FINISHED —JOHN 19:30

**CAMILLE POOL**

7. FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT —LUKE 23:46

**SYLVIA VANDROSS**

PIC•COLLAGE

A few years ago I came across a viral post by a dad with an autistic son. Although unlikely he would make the team, this was his list of goals. After Easter we will examine his list and find our own goals in order to be great teammates in Christ with one another:

**APRIL 7: "HIT THE BALL"**

**MATTHEW 13:1-9**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S GEAR**

**APRIL 14: "DO GOOD DEFENSE"**

**PSAIM 82:3**

**HOT DOG LUNCH AFTER SERVICE**

**APRIL 21: "LOSE SOME WEIGHT"**

**JOHN 15: 1-9**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**APRIL 28: "LEVEL SWING"**

**1 JOHN 4:1**

**BUY ME SOME PEANUTS**

**MAY 5: "ROOT ON TEAM WHILE IM ON THE BENCH"**

**1 CHRONICLES 22: 14-16**

**AND CRACKER JACKS**

**MAY 12: "BRING HEAT WHEN I PITCH"**

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26**

**BLESSING FOR MOMS & BEYOND**