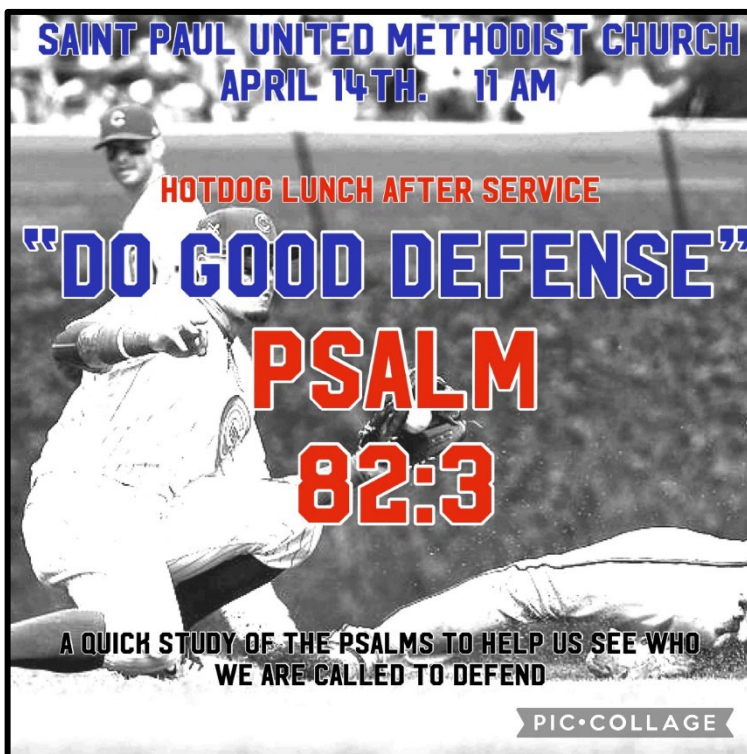




SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



April 14, 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

Prelude

"Arioso"

Bach

*Processional Hymn

"My Hope Is Built"

UM Hymnal no.368

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest.

People: Without You I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Leader: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You every hour. I need You.

People: My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Oh Lord, we thank you for those who greeted us with hugs, learned our names and stories, got on our level, figuratively and literally, and taught us to sing, "little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong". May we always belt it out. 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

"He Touched Me"

Gaither

Bill Searcy and Steve Vaughn

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

Oh Lord, may the scripture read and words proclaimed be what we need to be better disciples and better teammates in this community you've gifted us. 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

Psalm 82:1-4

NRSV (pg.512 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Part 2

"Do Good Defense"

Pastor Matthew Greer

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 "Standing on the Promises" UM Hymnal no.374

*Benediction

Postlude "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 04/07/2024	Amount
General Fund	\$3,774.44
Other funds	\$128.25
Total Giving	\$3,902.69
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	\$3,774.44

Today's Servers:

Reader: Taylor May Stephens/Eugenia Vicars Crucifer: John Tate
Acolyte: Camille Pool Children's Worship: Lauren Searcy
Nursery: & Jim Storey

A memorial was made to the glory of God in memory of Deborah Goodwin by Tommy & Carol Head.

My Hope Is Built

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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.

Standing on the Promises

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring,
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

WORDS: R. Kelso Carter, 1886 (Eph. 6:14-17)
MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

PROMISES
11 11.11 9 with Refrain

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 4/14	Hotdog Luncheon: Saint Paul	After worship
	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 4/15	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Wed, 4/17	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Sat, 4/20	Church Clean Up: Saint Paul	8:00am

Upcoming events:

Sun, 4/21	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 4/22	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 4/23	Bag Packing: 100 Blassingame Rd	9:30am
	Women's Community: TDB	7:00pm
Thurs, 4/25	Golden Girls Bible Study: Saint Paul	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.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Stella Feaster, 4/19

Happy Anniversary: David & Katie Knobloch, 4/17; Larry & Jean Jones, 4/18. Congratulations!

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Ray Byington, Van Clinkscles, Connie Cox, Darrie Crabtree, Natalie Davis, Tony DeYoung, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, 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, **family of Joseph Smith**, 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 5/6 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 5/13 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, Christine Hall, Debra Hampton, 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, Tommy Head, and Pastor Matt. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 3/22 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!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



YOUTH GROUP: The youth will be meeting Sunda night, 4/14, at 5:30pm at Saint Paul.



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!



CHURCH CLEAN-UP: Please come out on 4/20 from 8am until noon and join our Trustees as they clean the inside and outside of our church building. We need plenty of volunteers to polish, dust, weed, trim hedges, and all the other tasks to keep our space looking beautiful.

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