As members of the United Methodist Church,
we are invited to participate in its ministries,
in compassionate ways, with our
prayers, presence, witness, gifts, and service.

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Counters:
August 25 – Robert Dibble & Bill Gramling
Sept. 2 (Tues.) – Jim Albergotti & S. Godowns

Acolytes: August - Don Walter & D'Anne Haydel
September – Stephen Bonnette

Ushers: August - Donald Hunter & Perry Arant
September – Gene Atkinson & Bill Gramling

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August 24, 2025

Welcome to

St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

Reverend Albert Shuler, Pastor

1356 Amelia Street
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025 – Liturgical Color is Green
Worshiping God, Serving Others, Offering Hope

Entrance

We gather as the Body of Christ to worship our Lord.

Gathering Music *Wyndell Dodgins, organist*

Welcome and Announcements *Jerry Wuenscher*

Praise Chorus "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH # 462

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God: welcome!
People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,
Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:
People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

+**Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" UMH # 369

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O merciful God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us than sensitivity and service. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with the persons you have called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate Redeemer, and grant us the opportunity to start over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Offering Offertory *Wyndell Dodgins, organist*

+ Doxology

+ Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH # 496

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Scripture *Sharon Cook*

Acts 12: 1-16 KJV pg. 121, NIV pg. 1712

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "But Prayer" *Rev. Albert Shuler*

+Affirmation of Faith

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

+ Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH # 133

Sending Forth

We go forth in the power of the Spirit to love and serve God and neighbor.

+ Benediction

+Postlude

+ Indicates please stand, as you are able.

What's Happening This Week:

Sunday, August 24

9:30 a.m. **Sunday Morning Meet & Greet** (Wannamaker Hall)
9:45 a.m. **Sunday School**
10:45 a.m. **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

Monday, August 25

10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** (Library)
5:30 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting** (Library)

Tuesday, August 26

6:00 p.m. **Nomination Committee Meeting** (Library)

Wednesday, August 27

10:00 a.m. **Children's Moment with Pastor Al** (Day Care)
10:00 a.m. **Knitting and Crocheting** (Wannamaker Hall)

Thursday, August 28

9:00 a.m. **Blue Hatters** (Office Building)

What's Happening Next Week:

Sunday, August 31

9:30 a.m. **Sunday Morning Meet &Greet** (Wannamaker Hall)
9:45 a.m. S**unday School**
10:45 a.m. **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 1 **Labor Day – Office Closed**

Tuesday, September 2

4:00 p.m. **Meal for Samaritan House**

Wednesday, September 3

10:00 a.m. **Children's Moment with Pastor Al** (Day Care)
10:00 a.m. **Knitting and Crocheting** (Wannamaker Hall)
5:30 p.m. **Wednesday Night Supper** (Wannamaker Hall)

Thursday, September 4

9:00 a.m. **Blue Hatters** (Office Building)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our visitors today! We are so glad you are here. Please contact the pastor or the church office if you wish to know more about our church.

We are excited to introduce a QR Code for easier access to our PayPal online giving. You may also access PayPal by visiting the following link to our web page.

https://saintpaulsorangeburg.com/support.html

Bible Study is held on Monday mornings, at 10:00 a.m., in the library.

Wednesday Night Supper will resume on September 3, at 5:30 p.m., in Wannamaker Hall.
Menu is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and dessert.

Flyers for **Family and Friends Day** are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please take what you need to give to your family and friends.
Remember that the deadline to RSVP is October 5.

The **Samaritan House** can always use large and small paper plates, napkins, and plastic spoons/forks.
If you would like to donate any of these items, please place them in the baskets in the sanctuary or bring them to the church office.

Africa University - St. Paul's UMC is accepting donations for a yearly scholarship for a student.
We hope to raise $7,000 by Dec. 31, 2025.

It's not too late to contribute to the
***Western Disaster Ministries Tool Trailer*.**
Our church will send the funds to the UMC Western NC Conference for them to purchase the needed items.

A M**ission Team** from St. Paul's will be going to Ashville, NC in October to help with Hurricane Helene recovery.
If you would like to join the team, please contact the church office.

Looking ahead…

Sunday, September 7 First Sunday Sharing
Church Council Meeting 11:45 in the sanctuary

Tuesday, September 9
Covenant Circle Meeting 6:30 at Chestnut Grill

Tuesday, September 16
Charge Conference 6:00 p.m. in the library