****

Counters: October 13 (Tuesday) – Don Walter
October 19 - Bill Gramling

Acolytes: October – Jim Cary
November – Don Walter & D'Anne Haydel

Ushers: October – Johnny Gillam & Ken Stovall
November – Frank Gillam Eddie Godowns

Door Stewards: October – Ken Stovall
November – Jim Cary

****

This QR Code can be used for easier access to our online giving.

You may also access online giving by visiting our web page and clicking on the "Donate" tab.

Church Information

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Office: 803-534-1071 Fax: 803-534-1073
Email: **office@stpaulsorangeburg.com**

Facebook: **http://www.facebook.com/#!/StPaulsUMCOburg**

Email: pastor@stpaulsorangeburg.com

Wyndell Dodgins, Organist • Dr. Jerry Wuenscher, Lay Leader
Susan Yoakum, Administrative Assistant
• Tomar Morgan, Student Intern

October 11, 2026

Welcome to

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Reverend Albert Shuler, Pastor

1356 Amelia Street
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Vision Statement

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 – 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 *Don Walter*

Praise Chorus "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"(2x) UMH # 176

+Responsive Call to Worship
Leader: Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.
People: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
Leader: God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.
People: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
Leader: God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.
People: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
Leader: May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.
People: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

+Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" UMH # 160

Responsive Prayer of Confession
Leader: God pours blessings upon us, even as e choose to go our own way. God is present and seeks bring healing and wholeness to all. Therefore, I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God or one another.
Let us pray. When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our Own tradition,
People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Time for personal reflection and confession. When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others,
People: Christ, have mercy.
Leader: When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,
People: Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever.
People: Praise God!

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Mission Moment *Pam Coleman*
Samaritans Purse, Christmas Shoeboxes

Anthem

Offering Offertory

+Doxology

+Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH # 526

+Prayer for Illumination
All: O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen for your voice. By your Spirit lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

+Scripture *Sharon Cook*
Philippians 4: 1-9 KJV pg. 183, NIV pg. 1829
Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Stand Firm, Rejoice, and Be at Peace" *Rev. Albert Shuler*

+Affirmation of Faith

All: 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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH # 89

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, October 11

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

Monday, October 12 **Columbus Day – Office Closed**
Bible Study Cancelled

Tuesday, October 13

5:30 p.m. **Church Council Meeting** (library)

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 a.m. **Knitting and Crocheting** (Wannamaker Hall)

Thursday, October 15

9:00 a.m. **Blue Hatters** (church campus)

What's Happening Next Week:

Sunday, October 18 **Family and Friends Day**
9:30 a.m. **Sunday Morning Meet and Greet** (Wannamaker Hall)
9:45 a.m. **Sunday School**
10:45 a.m. **Worship Service** (sanctuary)

Monday, October 19

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

Wednesday, October 21

10:00 a.m. **Knitting and Crocheting** (Wannamaker Hall)

Thursday, October 22

9:00 a.m. **Blue Hatters** (church campus)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available today. Please fill your box, include $10, and tape the label on the outside. All shoeboxes must be returned by November 8th for the dedication service.

If members of the congregation are interested in purchasing items from the day care, feel free to walk through Mon – Thurs, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., or Sunday mornings.

The church office will be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, October 13, 5:30 p.m., in the library.

Family and Friends Day – October 18

- Members are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert
- If you are interested in singing in the choir that day, contact Wyndell at 803.539.1024

St. Paul's will host a Trunk or Treat for community children on Saturday, October 31, 4 – 6:00 p.m., in the parking lot across from the sanctuary. Please bring plenty of treats and whatever you may want to sit on while handing our treats to the children. You get bonus points if you show up in a costume or decorate your car!

The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, October 19, 5:30 p.m., in the library.

Africa University - As of October 6, we have raised $6,225.00. The goal of $7,000.00 needs to be met by November 30. Please mark your check 'Africa University'.

Blessing bags are available in the Narthex. Please take one to bless someone in need.

Looking ahead…

October 25 – Charge Conference, 2:00 p.m., library

October 27 – Men for Christ, 6:00 p.m., Wannamaker Hall

October 31 – Trunk or Treat - 4-6 p.m., in the parking lot across from the sanctuary

November 1 – All Saints Sunday

November 5 – Communications Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom

November 8 – Last day to return Christmas Shoeboxes. Dedication service.
Mission Meal following worship to benefit Paths to Wholeness

November 9 - Covenant Circle Friendsgiving, 6:00 p.m., Wannamaker Hall

November 15 – Mission Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m., sanctuary
Vesper Service, hosting Claflin Jazz Band, 5:00 p.m., sanctuary

November 17 – Church Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m., library

November 22 – Covenant Circle decorates church after worship service.

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day, office closed.