

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

November 26, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday morning

12/01/2024

Week 1 of 5 week series "The Gift Worth Waiting For"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

Mighty God

8:45 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. Modern Service (Berly)

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

Mighty God

11:15 a.m. (Sanctuary) – Traditional Service

For information about Sunday Worship Service go to the website page

<https://spwmethodist.org/sunday-worship-services/>.

The 8:45 am and 11:00 am services will be live streamed via the church's YouTube channel.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2_rB7vyTH5FmKjYMKILTSg

You can only see the livestream from YouTube.

The recorded services for 8:45 am and 11:00 am will be available on our Sermons webpage

<http://spwmethodist.org/sermons/> following each Service as well as on

YouTube. They will be shared with the church Facebook friends later.

Sermon Text: John 12:42-50 (NIV)

42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

44 Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

47 "If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. 49 For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

Message From Pastor JR

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1) As we approach Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to recognize the source of all goodness. We heard a few weeks back that only God is good and therefore any good thing is a gift from God. Our gratitude toward God is an act of worship. As we recognize the good gifts in our lives, let us acknowledge the source of those gifts. Each and every day God pours out new blessings into in our lives, many of which are left not acknowledged. Let us remember not only to thank God for His many blessings each and every day but let us also recognize that God's love never ends. He will never run out of blessings for He is good, and His love endures forever!

The Best of All Is...God Is With Us!

As we prepare ourselves for Christmas and the celebration of the Jesus' birth, I encourage everyone to read a chapter of the book of Luke each day in December. If you begin by reading chapter 1 on December 1 you will complete Luke's gospel on Christmas Eve. This is a great way to remind ourselves of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Blessings,

Pastor J.R.

New Members Class

I will be starting a new members class soon. If you are interested in taking this class, please email the office at: office@spwmethodist.org or call 843-237-2294.

Thank you,
Pastor JR

Video Series

(Except on Thanksgiving)

Thursdays at 11:00am in the Sanctuary – December 19

The Passion Talk Series' LOUIE GIGLIO: THE ESSENTIAL COLLECTION' includes the bestselling talks 'Indescribable,' 'How Great Is Our God,' 'Hope: when Life Hurts Most', 'Fruitcake and Ice Cream', 'Symphony (I Lift My Hands),' and 'The Twelve Words of Christmas.

About Louie Giglio and Passion City Church Resources

The Passion Talk Series features hours of compelling content from Passion Founder, Louie Giglio. The collection of talks has been experienced by millions around the world, and each talk tells a meaningful story of God's goodness, grace & love. This series includes six full length talks which will inspire, encourage & speak to God's grace & truth.

These messages are being used by small groups, life groups, and churches, as well as among friends & family members around the world. Many have been impacted by the stories, images and powerful messages captured in each of the talks.

The Passion Movement and the messages of founder Louie Giglio have marked the lives of millions of people around the globe, calling people everywhere to live for the glory of God. Focused on the collegiate age group - yet spilling over to people of all ages - Passion exists to unite students for spiritual awakening in this generation. From its inception, the movement of Passion has birthed new anthems of worship, influencing countless churches and helping to define the current worship climate and establish artists Chris Tomlin, David Crowder*Band, Charlie Hall, Matt Redman, Christy Nockels, Kristian Stanfill and others. Louie is the pastor and founder of Passion City Church in Atlanta, GA.

Video Series Thursday, December 5, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary: Louie Giglio "Fruitcake and Ice Cream"

Weekly Bible Reading:

December 1-Psalm 126; Hosea 1-3; Revelation 1:1-8

December 2-Psalm 127; Hosea 4-5; Revelation 1:9-20

December 3-Psalm 128; Hosea 6-7; Revelation 2:1-11

December 4-Psalm 129; Hosea 8-10; Revelation 2:12-29

December 5-Psalm 130; Hosea 11-12; Revelation 3:1-6

December 6-Psalm 131; Hosea 13-14; Revelation 3:7-13

December 7—Psalm 132:1-9; Joel 1:1—2:17; Revelation 3:14-22

Our Faithfulness Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:45 Service 153; on line viewers 78 (as of 11/25/24); 11:00 Service 94; on line viewers 119 (as of 11/25/24); 11:15 Service 37; Sunday School 76

The Sunday School Classes will meet December 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: The Friendship Class, Youth Building, New Sunday School class called the Truth Seekers, Discovery Classroom.

Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with Advent readings and lighting of the Advent wreath at the traditional service at 11:15 am during the Advent season. We need 2 volunteers for on the following Sundays: December 1, 8, 15 & 22. If you are willing to help, please contact Alice in the church office with the dates you are available.

THE MAYBERRY BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Sunday, **December 1, 2024**, along with Andy, Opie, Barney, and Aunt Bee in the DVD-based, The Mayberry Bible Study. Everyone is invited back to Mayberry. It's hosted by the Truth Seekers Sunday School class at 10 A.M. in the CLC Truth Seekers (old Discovery) classroom. Come learn more about the Bible, the Mayberry way.

What's Your Life's Purpose?

December 8th, the JOY class will begin a study of the Gospel of Mark. The focus is Jesus Christ's purpose. Mark presents the Servant Jesus as an example for us to follow. If you don't know your purpose in life, join this action-packed study and find out. If you do know, join us to gain a deeper understanding of what's possible for your life—both here on earth and in eternity. Be open for God's move into your life. Get ready to be challenged and to serve.

We would love to have you join us. Please tell others about this great study.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

The unique Bible study Experiencing the Heart of Jesus by Max Lucado will help build a deep relationship with our Savior. For 52-weeks, we will step into Christ's presence and experience grace, forgiveness, love and prayer. Study begins January 9, 2025, at 10:00 in the Youth Building. Please call the church office, or contact Gay Kelly, **by December 5** so that books can be ordered.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, December 1, 8:45 Traditional Service with Chancel Choir—8:45 and 11:15 Piano/Organ—Duets performed by Cindy Senatore and Olivia Huggins.

Sunday, December 8, 8:45 Traditional Service with Handbells, Chancel Choir and Cindy Senatore, accompanist.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services December 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

[Huge Thank You to All of You!](#)

So much food was donated over the past 2 weeks for the Baskervill Food Pantry's Thanksgiving meal that it took more than one van to deliver it all. We appreciate all you've given. And we know that you have given families in the local community a Thanksgiving meal they will not forget. And thanks to Frank and Amylou Antes for their efforts to deliver the food to the pantry.

["24 Days of Food"](#)

During Advent, St. Paul's is collecting food items for the Baskervill Food Pantry. The following is a list of suggestions. These can be placed in the vestibule of the church or at the back of Berly Hall.

- Day 1 boxed cereal
- Day 2 canned chicken
- Day 3 grits
- Day 4 boxed potatoes
- Day 5 box mac and cheese
- Day 6 canned fruit
- Day 7 canned tomato sauce
- Day 8 canned tuna
- Day 9 box dessert mix
- Day 10 applesauce
- Day 11 canned sweet potatoes
- Day 12 canned meal (beef stew, beef-a-roni, etc.)
- Day 13 canned beans
- Day 14 peanut butter
- Day 15 rice (1 lb. bag)
- Day 16 oatmeal
- Day 17 pasta (spaghetti)
- Day 18 spaghetti sauce
- Day 19 hearty soup
- Day 20 tomato soup
- Day 21 canned corn
- Day 22 canned mixed vegetables
- Day 23 canned carrots
- Day 24 canned green beans

[Polar Express Movie](#)

December 15, 2024, 12:15 p.m., Youth Building. There will be dinner and crafts. Please bring your own family blanket and join us. If you have any

questions, please contact Pam Carson: pamc30215@yahoo.com

Nurture Team

Would you like to save some money? The Nurture Team has an idea to help you do that! Maybe you won't actually be saving money as much as you will be putting it in a different place!

The large display board in the narthex and Berly Hall is for each of us to bring one of our cards, pin it to the board, and wish all of our church family a Merry Christmas! Then the money that we saved by not buying a lot of cards and stamps can be put in the mission box to help provide a Christmas dinner for those in need. Bring your card!! If you have any questions, please contact Carol Streeter.

Great Meal, Entertainment and Support for an Important Mission

Join the fun. Attend Cooking with Friends on December 3rd. Tickets are \$75 each available. Call 843-545-1115.

WHY: By attending, you help support Friendship Place, a Christian non-profit organization that provides our community with opportunities to overcome crises and work toward self-sufficiency. For more than 25 years, they have fed the hungry and worked to creatively address some of the most pressing unmet needs of our neighbors Georgetown County.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 3, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

WHERE: Friendship Place, 1423 Front Street Georgetown SC 29440

WHAT TO EXPECT: Local Chef Al Mosley from Get Carried Away will be on-site for an interactive, engaging, and fun night of learning about the 3 courses he is preparing for your enjoyment.

MENU:

Appetizer: 2 oz Crabcake with Remoulade

Entree: Deconstructed Chicken Cordon Bleu with Mashed Potatoes & Sauteed Vegetables

Dessert: Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream

Staff Love Offering

If you would like to contribute to the staff Christmas love offering, you can place it in the offering plate over the next few Sundays. Just be sure to mark it as Staff Love Offering. Or you can send the money into the office, please make sure it is clearly marked as the Christmas Love Offering. To make a donation through e-Giving, select "love offering" from the designated funds list.

*Deadline is **December 5, 2024**. Thank you.*

NOTE: Please turn off coffee pots, lights and make sure doors are locked when you leave the building.

Need Communion Servers for 8:45 a.m.

Communion Servers are needed at the 8:45 a.m. service. If you are able to serve, please contact Jan Finnical at 843-315-4063 or email: janfinnical@gmail.com. Thank you!

Need Greeter's for all Church services. If you are interested in becoming a Greeter, please see Alisa Chapella or call or text her at 803-960-2791.

Name Tags

If you ordered a new name tag, please pick up yours this coming Sunday at the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. If you did not order a name tag, and would like one, please fill out the little sign up sheet that will be provided on the table near the name tags and place it in the offering plate. **A Big Thank You to Juanita Matos for printing the Name Tags!!**

Our Little Garden Child Care

Our Little Garden Child Care at the early service will be open upon request or your child can sit with you in the service. Please notify one of the ushers. We are excited to nurture your little one's faith with God's love. If you would like to volunteer helping in the Nursery, please let Pam Carson know.

Church Website Update

We are in the process of updating our church website and repairing links which are not working. Also, if you have any suggestions for our web site or you notice pages which need to be updated, please contact Fred Harris at 856-381-5951 or fharris39@gmail.com

Thank you so much,
Fred Harris

LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE

Reminder that live streaming of our services are available on YouTube especially during inclement weather.

Decals

If you need to replace your decal because it is fading, please stop by the Church Office and we will give you a replacement.

Counseling: on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-1pm, there will be a counselor available by

appointment. If you are in need of someone to talk with, this is a great opportunity to speak with an accredited professional, free of charge. Please contact Fran Keller at 843-833-3980 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

Church Flower Calendar for 2024-2025

You can email the office or call the office to start signing up for the Church Flower Calendar for 2024. This is a good way to honor someone, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, etc. on Sunday mornings.

Building a Walkway Brick by Brick Project

The walkway will be called “**We Walk by Faith**”

The Church is now undertaking the building of a memorial brick walkway to the site of the Jesus, The Teacher Statue and Flower Garden.

We need your help!

We are asking you to support us and purchase a beautifully engraved grey brick to pave the way to the statue and garden.

Dedicate your personalized brick to honor or memorialize loved ones. The bricks will be placed in the walkway as a lifetime reminder that will be seen by current and future members of the Church.

Dave & Juanita Matos will be in Berly Hall during the Sunday School hour to help anyone in need of assistance filing out the Order Form or in need of additional information about the project. Please make sure your email address is on the order form so that you can receive the virtual brick illustration.

Bible Studies:

Monday Bible Study on Roundtable: A Journey Through Romans, Discovery Classroom, 6:00 p.m. Led by Thomas Gulledge. Please email the church office at office@spwmethodist.org if you would like to sign up or email Thomas Gulledge at Thomas.gulledge@spectralSC.com. *They meet every other week: December 2, December 16.*

The Men’s Bible Study meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Youth Building. Led by Bruce Stelow.

Mary & Martha Class: Meet each Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Youth Building. Our goal is to follow St. Paul’s mission to be a Scriptural, Prayerful, Faithful, Invitational, Discipleship, and a Focus forward group. We have a weekly devotional, lift up prayer concerns for the group, our church family, and community. We discuss Sunday’s message guided by questions provided by Pastor JR, and projects where we can be helpful. This past Wednesday we provided lunch for the James Gang and will continue that ministry as well as partnering them in assisting homeowners when needed. If

interested, please contact Amylou Antes at 484-880-1032.

Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:

Video Series, Louie Giglio “Fruitcake and Ice Cream”, Thursday, December 5, 2024, 11:00 a.m., Berly Hall.

2nd Golf Meeting, Monday, December 2, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Berly Hall.

Blankets for Babies, Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Administrative Building

Polar Express Movie, Sunday, December 15, 2024, 12:15 p.m., Youth Building.

New class , Wesleyan Way towards Wholeness, will begin on Tuesdays at 6 pm beginning January 7, 2025, Youth Building For 8 weeks.

If you are interested in a New Year of improved physical, mental, and spiritual health, join us as we journey on the way to improved health and relationship with God. This is Rick Warren's Daniel Plan with adaptations for Methodists. Keep those New Year's Resolutions with a spiritual focus. Class leader Victory Smith. Please email Victory at drrommel@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Course mission statement
Mark 12:29

Week one small group
Matt 18:20
Bring your favorite Bible verse
Your prayer concerns
And a 3 ring binder

Intro to Wesley's concept of classes
Meet class members
Complete a personal inventory (will not be shared with class)
Discuss mission project
Instruction on SMART goal
Pick up journal
Daniel plan friends

Week 2
Faith

Week 3
Focus

Week 4
Food Water

Week 5
Fasting

Week 6
Shalom. The peace of rest

Week 7
Fitness

Week 8
Living the lifestyle

Chancel Choir Practice

Chancel Choir meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Handbells meet Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Students in the Word

Students in the Word meet 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Mon. – Thursday (old Friendship & wings classrooms) and Friday in the Youth Building.

AA

AA meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.
District 82 AA, every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

Please let me know if I need to remove, change, or add to the following Prayer, Birthday or Anniversary list. Also, if you have a meeting coming up or an event or event article that needs to go in the newsletter, please email me at the

Church Office: office@spwmethodist.org

Thank you, Alice

Prayer Concerns/Church Family & Friends

Susan Walters
Josie Shehane
Marion Parsons
Eva Baxter
Mark Lange
Linda Chevine
Yvonne Moran
Dan Wetsel
Bob Maffa
Jann Bullock
Herb Herrman
Jan Estabrook

Joseph & Mary (friends of Rachel Shumaker) (Joseph has cancer)
Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)
Cindy Munn (Pat Terrill's daughter Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)
April (Rachel Shumaker's great great niece)
Diane and Jim Casto (friends of Leslie Hare)
Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia)
Sheila Baxter (daughter in law of Eva Baxter)
Ann Sarver
Dottie Wright
Ryan Heck (a friend of Betty & Henry Jobe)
Rosemary Beaver (a friend of Keri Geddings)
Ashley Calhoun (Karen Calhoun's nephew's wife)
Corky & Mary Raab (friends of Betty Jobe)
George Schmidt (Colleen Welch's dad)
Sandy Lowder (a friend of Alice Cochran)
Anne Miller (a friend of Phillip and Peggy Cusick)
Linda Boswell (Sandy Thompson's sister)
Billy McGill (son of Carolyn McGill)
Michael Williams (Nancy Hall's son)
Corby & Brian Kennison (friends of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
Rick Bruce (a friend of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
A friend of – did not want to name (Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
Jerry Payne (Susan) Marie Beaver (Carl) Jim Richardson (Betsy) (friends of Jon Stuckey)
Denise (a friend of Harriet and David Moore)
Tina Licari (a friend of James & Leslie Hare)
Vicki Medlin (a cousin of JD & Sandi Whitmire)
Stephen Johnston (son of Ron & Ruth Johnston)
Sue Hawkins (a friend of JD & Sandi Whitmire)
Roxanna Earp (daughter of Nancy Wetsel)
Tracy (a friend of Leslie Hare)
Marnie Heck (a friend of Henry & Betty Jobe)
Robert "Bobby" Nave (James & Leslie Hare's cousin)
Garvin Gilley
Johanna Morrison
Tina Kolb (a close friend of James & Leslie Hare)
Diana (a friend of John & Nancy Hall)
Eva (a friend of Janis & Mark Lange; missing)
Dan Litton (a friend of JD Whitmire)
Carolee Bryant
George Leyendecker's sister
Sarah Wilson (Jan Estabrook's friend)
Sue Panos
Ofelia and Jorge Beltran (friends with JD and Sandi Whitmire)
Kerry Lennard (friend of Keith Black)
Milia Black (Keith Black's mother)
Judy Ellis

November Birthdays

Karen Sinkway	11/22
James Richardson	11/23
Dave Gustafson	11/24
Titi Greene	11/25
Mickey McDowell	11/26
Colleen Welch	11/26
Janell Lerche	11/27
Bill Alexander	11/28
R. Tucker Dieter	11/28
Ronald Johnston	11/28
Sarah Cook	11/29
Fred Hutcheson	11/29
Judy Mort	11/29

November Anniversaries

Scott & Peggy Homan	11/28
Marshall & Nancy Truluck	11/30