

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

December 12, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday morning

12/15/2024

Week 3 of 5 week series "The Gift Worth Waiting For"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

Prince of Peace

8:45 a.m. Traditional (Berly) and 11:15 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

Prince of Peace

11:00 a.m. Modern Service (Berly Hall)

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 16:25-33 (NIV)

25 "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

29 Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

31 "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. 32 "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Message From Pastor JR

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) As we heard this week about Jesus being prophesied to be "Wonderful Counselor", we hear this promise from Matthew 11. Jesus invites us to come to Him with our exhaustion and worries. This time of year, can certainly be exhausting not only physically but emotionally and mentally as well. As we take this Advent season to prepare ourselves for Christmas, let us be intentional about taking the time to cast our cares at the feet of Jesus. The promise is that when we bring our worries, hurts, and burdens to Him, He will replace them with peace and rest. If we truly desire to fully celebrate the birth of Jesus, we must unload the things of the world and fully embrace the gift of God found in His One and Only Son.

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

Pastor J.R.

Message from Your Music Director

December has been an exciting month of music in worship. Chancel Choir and Handbells are dedicated to proclaiming the glory of God through their talents, dedication, and love of music. Cindy Senatore and Joyce English are excellent accompanist, and I am fortunate to have their skilled assistance.

Sunday, December 15
No Choir at 8:45 Traditional Service

I would like to recognize our Musicians for this coming Sunday

Joyce English, organ

Dr. Jonathan Tester, guest tenor

John Samuel Roper, flute

Tomas Jakubek, violin

I hope we have record attendance in worship Sunday as we celebrate the coming of Christ. Chancel Choir

anthems for December beautifully convey the message of Christ's birth being the light delivering the world from darkness. Sunday, you will also hear a flute and violin Christmas duet with piano accompaniment at 11:15.

See you in worship,
Olivia

New Members Class

I will be holding a new members class on **Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 12:30 pm**, in the Youth Building. 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

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 19, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary: Louie Giglio "The Twelve Words of Christmas"

Weekly Bible Reading:

December 15-Psalm 137; Jona 3-4; Revelation 11:1-14

December 16-Psalm 138; Micah 1-2; Revelation 11:15-19

December 17-Psalm 139:1-12; Micah 3-5; Revelation 12

December 18-Psalm 139:13-24; Micah 6-7; Revelation 13:1-10

December 19-Psalm 140; Nahum 1-3; Revelation 13:11-18

December 20-Psalm 141; Habakkuk 1-2; Revelation 14

December 21—Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3; Revelation 15

Our Faithfulness Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:45 Service 180; on line viewers 119 (as of 12/10/24); 11:00 Service 92; on line viewers 139 (as of 12/10/24); 11:15 Service 59; Sunday School 101

The Sunday School Classes will meet December 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: The Friendship Class, Youth Building, New Sunday School class called the Truth Seekers, Room 305 in the CLC Building.

Contributions for 2024

Any contributions to St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church for **2024 tax purposes** must be in the church office by **December 29, 2024.**

Thank you,
Ray Wells

e-Giving – How to Start e-Giving and How to Update Transactions

Thank you for using e-Giving to electronically deliver your donations to the church.

If you are new to the church, or want to start using e-Giving, you can sign up today for e-giving. Start by going to www.spwmethodist.org web page and clicking "Online Giving" at the top right of the home page. On the next page you will see a link that provides recently updated instructions on how to sign up and make your donations ([e-Giving Donation Information an Instructions](#)). You can print these instructions or review them online to setup your e-Giving donation and account.

For those who already use e-Giving, a **reminder** that you may need to update your e-Giving account if you changed your pledge amount for 2025. If this applies to you, the short guidance is to login to your e-Giving account and edit your profile information. You can update your donation amount, payment method and next transaction date. Be sure to save your changes.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or to get assistance. You can reach me at 703-786-0670 (cell). Church email address: treasurer@saintpaulsumc.com.

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter
St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Treasurer

Office Closed

The office will be closed December 20—January 1, 2025, in Observance of Christmas and New Years!

Methodist Women Luncheon

The Saint Paul's Methodist Women's luncheon will be Wed. Dec. 18 at 11:45AM in the youth building. Join us for a short concert, lunch and fellowship as we celebrate the birth of our savior together. In lieu of doing a gift swap we will accept donations for the James Gang who are assisting a family with 10 children. Please sign-up this coming Sunday on the insert sheet and place in the offering plate if you would like to attend the luncheon or email the church office: office@spwmethodist.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service (no Chancel Choir), **Berly Hall**.

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 11:00 a.m. Modern Service **Berly Hall**.

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 11:15 a.m. Traditional Service in **Sanctuary** – Flute, Violin, Chancel Choir, and Joyce English accompanist.

Sunday, December 22, 2024, 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service, Chancel Choir and Karen Sinkway, soloist.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services December 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary; 11:00 p.m. in Berly Hall.

The office will be closed December 20, 2024 – January 1, 2025, in Observance of Christmas and the New Year!

Polar Express Movie

December 15, 2024, 12:15 p.m., Youth Building. There will be lunch 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.

The James Gang is looking for an electrician to help in their repair of mobile homes and old houses. If anyone knows of an electrician that may be able to help, please contact Frank Antes or Alice in the church office.

Thank you.

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

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 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.

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.

Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:

Video Series, Louie Giglio “The Twelve Words of Christmas”, Thursday, December 19, 2024, 11:00 a.m., Berly Hall.

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

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. For more information contact Gay Kelly.

The Golf Committee has announced a tentative date for the Church Golf tournament Wednesday June 11, with a rain date of Wednesday June 18.....more information next week!....We are also looking for volunteers for all committees....Contact Bill Alexander or Gene Posey.....Thanks Alice, call me if you have questions....Bill.....8034487461

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

Eva Baxter

Mark Lange

Linda Chevine

Yvonne Moran

Dan Wetsel

Bob Maffa

Jann Bullock

Herb Herrman

Jan Estabrook

The family of Marion Parsons

Amylou Antes

Somchai (Nan Black's father)

Alan Smith (a friend of James & Leslie Hare)

Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)

Carmen Barnard (a friend of Steve Staton)

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)

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)
 (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

December Birthdays

Jim Kearns	12/12
Jennifer Cundiff	12/14
David Streeter	12/14
Joseph Chapella	12/17
Judith Harrison	12/17
Sujira (Wan) Gullledge	12/19
Ronald Tedesco	12/19
Heidi West	12/19
Mary Anna Neill	12/20
Ray Wells	12/22
Elizabeth Maffa	12/23
Cathy Filiatreau	12/24
Chuck Muravnick	12/24
Jeffry Carlyle, Jr.	12/25
Bleeker Cannon	12/26

Irene Reese	12/26
Steve Watson	12/27
Debra Dempsey	12/28
Carol Meadows	12/29
Allison Virgin	12/29
Juanita Matos	12/29
Ronald Cooper	12/31

December Anniversaries

James & Sandra Whitmire	12/17
Marc & Carol Davison	12/20
Robert & Elizabeth Maffa	12/21
Donald & Marsha Marsh	12/26
Ed & Jewell Clark	12/27
Jim & Donna Schmidt	12/27
Jim & Betty Kemp	12/30
Gene & Susan Posey	12/30