

St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

December 19, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday morning

12/22/2024

Week 4 of 5 week series "The Gift Worth Waiting For"

Lead Pastor J.R. Virgin

Will present the sermon

Everlasting Father

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

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

Everlasting Father

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: Colossians 1:15-23 (NIV)

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Message From Pastor JR

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! It has been an amazing year in the life of St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church. It is undeniable how God has blessed this ministry. As I take a moment to reflect upon all God has done, I stand in awe of the abundant blessings. As we near the end of 2024 and prepare to turn the calendar to 2025, it is now incumbent upon us to increasingly seek God daily in our lives. God has presented us with a tremendous opportunity to be a vital witness to the love of God in our community and our world. Let us not take the blessings of God for granted. Rather, let us be good stewards of the blessings God has poured into our church and let us continue to reflect his light into our dark world in the year to come.

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

Pastor J.R.

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

Weekly Bible Reading:

December 22-Psalm 143; Zephaniah 1-3; Revelation 16

December 23-Psalm 144; Haggai 1-2; Revelation 17

December 24-Psalm 145:1-13; Zechariah 1-2; Revelation 18

December 25-Psalm 145:14-21; Zechariah 3-4; Revelation 19:1-10

December 26-Psalm 146; Zechariah 5-6; Revelation 19:11-21

December 27-Psalm 147; Zechariah 7-8; Revelation 20:1-6

December 28—Psalm 147:12-20; Zechariah 9-11; Revelation 20:7-15

December 29-Psalm 148; Zechariah 12-14; Revelation 21:1-8

December 30-Psalm 149; Malachi 1-2; Revelation 21:9-27

December 31-Psalm 150; Malachi 3-4; Revelation 22

January 1-Gen 1-3

January 2-Gen 4-7

January 3-Gen 8-11

January 4-Job 1-5

**THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER GOING OUT NEXT WEEK! Merry
Christmas & Happy New Year!!!**

Our Faithfulness Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:45 Service 88; on line viewers (as of 12/17/24); 11:00 Service 57; on line viewers (as of 12/17/24); 11:15 Service 166; Sunday School 82

The Sunday School Classes will meet December 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. & December 29, 2024

TE: 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.**

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 and 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!

SAVE THE DATES

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 worship committee would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church.

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.

Dear Partners in Christ,

We in The James Gang wish to give you all a huge **"THANK YOU!"**
Whatever we have asked for, you have given... and much more.
We recently requested tools and donations in order to help with our projects, and once again your generosity was demonstrated.
You have been such an encouragement to us.
Merry Christmas!
The James Gang - For our neighbor's good and God's glory.

CALLING ALL PAINTERS!! SATURDAY JAN. 11TH 9 AM - ?

The painting team will be painting the classrooms in Berly Hall. If you like to paint and can help out, please let us know. A pizza lunch will be provided. Call or text Peggy Homan 843.325.6323.

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:

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:

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

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 coming to this Class, please email Victory so she know how many are attending!**

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

THE REAL HEAVEN! Next Bible Study, Begins January 14th at 10:00 a.m. Youth Building

Heaven is a hot topic on today's bestseller lists. But what does the Bible tell us about the afterlife? What happens the moment after we die? And what will our redeemed relationships be like? Ingram digs into Scripture to reveal what God wants us to know about the hereafter—and how it affects our decisions today. **If you would like to sign up** or for more information **contact John Finnical – jrfinnical@gmail.com**

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.

Blankets for Babies, Wednesday, **January 8, 2025**, 10:00 a.m., Administrative Building.

The Golf Committee has announced a tentative date for the Church Golf tournament Wednesday June 11,

at Wachesaw East Golf Course, with a rain date of Wednesday June 18.....We are also looking for volunteers for all committees....Contact Bill Alexander or Gene Posey for more information.

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

Alexandra Pappas (Angela and Travis Bass daughter)

Connie Corriher (Jan Estabrook's sister-cancer returned)

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) Gullede	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

