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October 2020

Saint Paul's Epistle to You



Listen and you will hear the Gospel

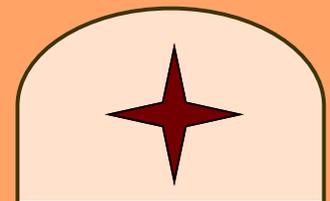
By Walker Westerlage, Pastor

Rev. Samuel E. Massengill is pastor of the Newtown Presbyterian Church in Newtown, Pennsylvania. He graciously shared this with the Foundation for Reformed Theology. I am sharing it with you because it beautifully expresses something I talk a lot about. Read it several times and you will hear the Gospel as I have been led by the Holy Spirit to believe. You probably will not hear this in most of what passes for church these days.

Holy, sovereign God: All praise, honor, and glory be unto you. We are grateful you love us so utterly and completely. You, our Maker and Father, have given yourself for us in Jesus Christ your beloved Son, and have thereby pledged your very being as God for our salvation. In Jesus Christ, you, O God, have actualized your total and unconditional love for all of us in our human nature in such a perfect, once-and-for-all way that you cannot go back upon it without undoing the Incarnation and the Cross and thereby denying yourself.

Merciful and redeeming God: We give you thanks that Jesus Christ lived and died for us precisely because we are sinful and utterly unworthy of him. He has thereby already made us his own, before and apart from our ever believing in him or accepting him. We remember that Christ has bound us to himself by his love. He has done this in such a way that he will never let us go. For even if we try to refuse him or flee from him, or deny him, or damn ourselves, his love will never cease. His love for us remains sure and constant. We therefore repent and believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. From beginning to end, what Jesus Christ has done for us he has done not only as God, but as man--fully human and fully divine. He has acted in our place in the whole range of our human life and activity, including our personal decisions, and our responses to your love, and even our acts of faith. Christ has believed for us, already fulfilled our human response to you. Christ has accomplished salvation on our behalf. He acknowledges us before you, O God, as people who have already responded to you in Him, who have already believed in you through him, and whose personal decision is already implicated in his self-offering to you. Because of all Christ has done, we have been fully and completely accepted by you, God our Father. We have been thoroughly and completely redeemed of our sin, we have been set free to trust, obey, and serve. Therefore, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we renounce ourselves. We take up the cross of Jesus Christ and follow as he leads. He is our Lord and Savior, now and forevermore. Thanks be to you, Almighty God. Amen

Peace be with you all,



October Liturgist

Mike Griffin

Elders of the Month

Continue to use the email addresses of "pastorsppc@sbcglobal.net" or "sppcnrh@hotmail.com" to communicate with Walker.

Congregational Meeting Notice

The Session of St. Paul Presbyterian Church has called for a Congregational meeting to be held on October 25, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. in the smaller parking lot, next to the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and to elect Ruling Elders for the Class of 2023 and a Trustee for 2023. In addition, a very important announcement concerning the life of St. Paul will be made during this meeting.

We will be meeting at 12:30 only to conduct the business of the church as stated. The usual *virtual* 11:00 worship service will be broadcast on Facebook. You can watch it as you normally do or can watch it later at a time convenient for you.

For those attending the meeting, it will give everyone an opportunity to see and visit with each other. We are all missing one another immensely and this will certainly give us the opportunity to reconnect on a personal level. However, meeting during these times of Covid-19 requires us to follow specific safety guidelines.

Even though we will be outside (weather permitting), we must follow specific requirements to provide a safe environment. We must **practice safe social distancing of 6ft or more**, and we must all **wear masks**. The Congregation Nurture committee asks that you bring your own chairs, and even though we Presbyterians are known for our delicious snacks, there will be no food sharing. Parking spaces will be marked at 6 ft distances, so please setup your chairs at your parking space, tailgate style.

Should the weather turn unpleasant and we are unable to meet as called then the report of the CNC will be sent by mail-email with a ballot, likewise, the additional announcement will be sent by mail-email.

Please make plans to attend and we look forward to seeing you.

Your St. Paul Session

THE MISSION PAGE



Oct NEED Volunteers

TBD—During Covid 19 restrictions volunteers have been reduced

The Mission Committee is requesting donations for the Presbyterian Night Shelter be brought to the congregational meeting on 10/25/2020. The shelter needs winter hats, coats, gloves, and scarves for men, women and children. They have also put out an appeal for blankets and single sheet sets. We are happy to retrieve items from your trunk to remain contactless. And, rumor has it there are Halloween treats involved.

N.E.E.D. EAST

424 W. Bedford Euless Rd.,
Hurst, TX 76053
817-280-0286
Mon-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

N.E.E.D. WEST

5028 Broadway,
Haltom City, TX 76117
817-759-1506
Mon-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

TWICE BLESSED RESALE BOUTIQUE

424 W. Bedford Euless Rd.,
Hurst, TX 76053
817-280-0846
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

DONATIONS NOW ACCEPTED
Monday - Thursday 10am -11am
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

WORSHIP NEWS

Walker continues to stream the Sunday 11:00 worship on Facebook. He, and both his daughters have helped to record and edit the recordings. If you haven't joined us at 11:00 a.m., you can still go to the [Friends of Saint Paul Presbyterian Church Facebook page](#) and watch the worship service at your convenience. It is a nice feeling, though, to see our church family watching the service at the same time. At the end of the Service there is a short time in which we can chat and catch up with one another. The Session continues to assess and discuss when we might be able to safely worship in person together again.

THIS 'N' THAT

St. Paul Presbyterian Church in North Richland Hills, via Session prayer, discussion, and vote; has suspended all church activities for an unknown time. We are seeking ways to stay in touch with social media on our website (<http://stpaulnrh.org>) and on Facebook ([Friends of Saint Paul Presbyterian Church](#)). Please call members of our congregation and stay in touch. You may find out a need that can be shared through the office, shared with the session, and or the congregation.

Not only do we need to support and pray for each other, but we need to do the same for our church. Your continued financial support of St. Paul is vitally important. We still have electric, water, insurance, salaries and operating expenses that must be paid. The convenience of coming to church on Sundays and dropping your offering in the plate is obviously, not possible.

For the immediate need, you can simply mail your tithe/offering through the regular mail to the church address. If your bank offers online bill pay functionality, you can set-up a recurring payment to the church and it will be mailed by your bank to the church address.

3rd Thursday Book Club

The Thursday evening book club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome to join us! Please let Heidi Newell know if you'd like to join and she will send you the meeting details to join via Zoom.

Topic: 3rd Thursday Book Club Meeting

Time: Oct 15, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Thur, until Apr, 2021

Oct 15, 2020 07:00 PM—The Charm School by Nelson DeMille

Nov 1, 2020 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local time reaches 2:00:00 am, clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 1:00:00 am local standard time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 1, 2020 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning. An easy way to remember which way to turn your clock is the saying "Spring forward and Fall back".

Or maybe it's "Spring back and Fall forward".....LOL.



If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please submit it to Joyce Kirkpatrick for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter!! Enjoy!!

S'more Brownies

Courtesy of the Food Network Kitchen <https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/smore-brownies-recipe-1928483>

INGREDIENTS

Crust

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 1/2 cups crushed graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Pinch fine salt

Brownie

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt
- 4 large cold eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour

Topping

- 1.
2. 4 cups large marshmallows

DIRECTIONS

1. Position a rack in the lower third of the oven and heat oven to 325 degrees F. Line an 8 by-8-inch square baking pan with foil so it hangs over the edges by about 1 inch.
2. For the crust: Lightly butter the foil with some of the melted butter. Stir the rest of the butter together with the crumbs, sugar, and salt in a medium bowl. Press the crumb mixture evenly over the bottom of the pan. Bake until golden brown, about 20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, make the brownie. Put the butter and chocolate in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Melt in the microwave on 75 percent power for 2 minutes. Stir, and microwave again until completely melted, about 2 minutes more. Alternatively, put the butter and chocolate in a heatproof bowl. Bring a saucepan filled with 1 inch or so of water to a very slow simmer; set the bowl on the pan without touching the water. Stir occasionally until melted. Stir the light brown and white sugars, vanilla and salt into the melted chocolate. Add the eggs and beat vigorously to make a thick and glossy batter. Add the flour and stir until just incorporated.
4. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake until the top is crispy and a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out mostly clean, with a few crumbs, about 40 to 45 minutes.
5. Remove from the oven and carefully position a rack about 6 inches from the broiler and preheat on low. Layer marshmallows across the top and toast under the broiler until golden, (keep an eye on it, it can go quick), about 2 minutes. Cool on a rack, gently removing the brownies from the pan using the aluminum flaps. Carefully separate any marshmallow from the foil and fold away. Cut into 12 (2-inch) squares.

News Briefs

Kroger Community Rewards. We need all of you who shop at Kroger and have loyalty cards to check your accounts and update your designation of Saint Paul as the recipient of funds. And for those who have not signed up, please do. Just go to Kroger.com and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on [Kroger Community Rewards](#). If you are enrolled, you need your password. If not, just follow the prompts to set up an account. Enter Saint Paul Presbyterian Church in the search box or our **new** number **WL034**. It's an easy way to donate to Saint Paul at no cost to you. You may also call Online Account Customer Service at 1-800-576-4377. **NOTE: If you receive a "technical error" the first time you click to enroll St. Paul, click it again. If you continue to encounter technical difficulties, please don't hesitate to call their Customer Service**

If you shop at Kroger, please be sure and use your Kroger Loyalty Card so that St. Paul will receive Community Rewards from Kroger.



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07 Sydney Stockton
11 Robin Hicks [f]
16 Verna Eubank
17 Martha Martin
21 Esta Betts [f]
22 Joyce Kirkpatrick
29 Janice Wright



03 Norma & Michael Griffin



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Flowers—sign-up list located in the Fellowship Hall

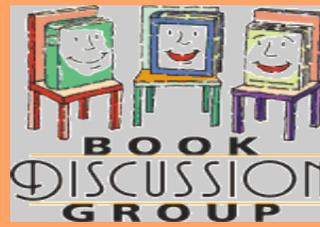
Session Members

Your current Session Members are:

Class of 2020: Norma Russell, Linda Akins, Louise Wilson

Class of 2021: Al Kirkpatrick, Scott Carter, Sue Sewell, Sandra Turner

Class of 2022: Arlene Schneider, Anne Leeming, Heidi Newell



The Third Monday Book Club is a lively book discussion group that meets virtually at 1 p.m. on Zoom. All readers are welcome and books for discussion are selected several months ahead by the group. Both fiction and non-fiction books are discussed with the focus on enlightenment and fun. Contact Rosalee Fleming at 817-281-0149 if you need more information.

October - Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

For Updates to the Church Directory

Please visit Saint Paul's Church Directory at: www.stpaulnrh.org.

Click on Church Directory.

If your information is not correct, send an email with corrections to

Mary Atkins:

marylatkins@yahoo.com or

call Mary at 817-988-3909 or make your correction on paper and give to Mary.

Key Websites

Here are some websites related to our denomination that you may bookmark for reference:

www.stpaulnrh.org

www.gracepresbytery.org

www.synodsun.com

www.pcusa.org

www.pres-outlook.com

www.need-tarrant.com

www.facebook.com/need.tarrant

www.facebook.com/sppcnrh/

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Grace Presbytery

Synod of the Sun

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Presbyterian Outlook

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NEED Facebook page

St. Paul Facebook page

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Questions or comments? E-mail us at sppcnrh@hotmail.com or call 817-281-3175.

WORSHIP LINKS

To hear some of the Sermons and Worship Anthems please click this [link](#) to navigate to the St. Paul Sermon webpage.

Presbyterian 101

A General Guide to the Facts About the PCUSA!



Saint Paul has a prayer circle that will pray for you or someone you care about when there is need of special prayers. You may call the Church office from 9 a.m. until Noon with any prayer requests or send them to the church email at sppcnrh@hotmail.com. Your request will be confidential if you so desire. The members of the prayer circle have promised to pray for the person for 7 days. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, notify Walker.



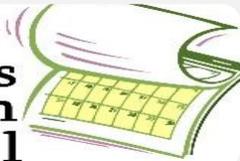
The Presbyterian Women's Circle meets the first Tuesday each month in the Fellowship Hall.

Come join us!!!

Everyone is welcome!!

The PW Circle has suspended meetings until group restrictions have been lifted due to Covid-19.

**This
Month
@ St. Paul**



Send Us Your Church News!

Got news? We want it! The Saint Paul church newsletter helps spread the word about committee activities, special events, group meetings, important milestones, honors/awards, financial reports, and more. Please submit your articles to the editor at ak3e@swbell.net or give a hard copy to Joyce Kirkpatrick. If you need writing help, let her know. Photos and original artwork are also welcomed!

November 2020 Issue Deadline: Sunday, October 25, 2020

Mission Statement of Saint Paul Presbyterian Church

As joyful believers in Jesus Christ, we are called to worship God, educate disciples, remain steadfast in our faith, and do Christ's work through ministry, missions, and fellowship. We are led by the Holy Spirit to be a nurturing congregation that maintains a connection with the larger church as well as our local community, being open to the needs and concerns of others.