

The Order of Worship

*Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer
upon entering the Sanctuary*

PRELUDE "A Joyous Prelude" ... Edward Broughton

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP "On Eagle's Wings"

"And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand."
(sing twice)

*GREETING

Blessed are those who consider the poor!

The Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

From everlasting to everlasting, Amen and Amen!

[Psalm 41]

*HYMN No. 130 "God Will Take Care of You"

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 "The Apostles Creed"

*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70 "*Glory Be to the Father*"

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Ballad" ... Edvard Grieg

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*GOSPEL LESSON (NT, Page 34, Pew Bible)

Mark 2:1-12

THE ANTHEM “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Guitar Soloist: Elizabeth Abowd

THE SERMON “Getting Off Our Pity Pot”

*HYMN NO. 368

“My Hope Is Built”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

Choir and Congregation

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart,
And whatever you do, in word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord.
Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, thro’ Christ, the Lord;
Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, thro’ Christ, the Lord.”

*POSTLUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

... John Dykes

Today, we are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Abowd, our very special friend
from the Governor’s School of the Arts and Humanities, as our guest soloist/guitar player

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Madeline Schley
given by George C. Wannamaker*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES are extended to: Perry Jo Whitmire - TODAY, Nancy Smith - February 25th, Homer Miller and Keith Ray- February 26th and Annette Hollingsworth - February 28th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Carolyn Bailey and Bruce Medlin who were married at Saint Paul UMC on Saturday, February 14, 2009.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Abowd, Mary Lee Boynton, Betty Clark, Tim Forest, **Catherine Hamby**, Nancy Hamby, Alvin Hill, Betty Hopkins and Family, Ron Howard, Buddy Miller, Dekker Moon, Elise Patterson, Geneva Rowell, **Donna Shelton (St. Francis, downtown)** Carol Thrift and Rebecca Thomas. Names are kept on the Prayer List for 4 weeks. Please call the office if you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS are extended to the family of Rev. Tom Evatt, former pastor of Saint Paul UMC, who died on February 15, 2009 in Orangeburg.

Please try to call the Office with any information for the **March Newsletter** by Tuesday, February 24th at the latest. Thanks!

Up to date lists of all **2009 Church Officers/Leaders** for Saint Paul are on the ledge in the Vestibule. Please take one if you don't already have one as this information is important if you need to contact anyone about a specific concern or question.

The **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** for next Sunday, March 1st, are Annette Bostic and Sarah Medlin., the **WORSHIP LEADERS** are Annette Bostic and Edna Patterson and the **NURSERY WORKER** is Rebecca Howard.

The annual **SAINT PAUL ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER** will be this Wednesday, February 25th at 5:30 p.m. As always, the Fidelis Class will furnish the food and the Margaret Smith Class will do the cooking. A love offering will be taken and split between the two classes for the Apportionment Contest. Be sure to plan to attend this Annual Event at Saint Paul and enjoy good food and fellowship. There will be an **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** at approximately 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Pancake Supper on February 25th.

Any special offerings left at the altar during Communion at next Sunday's Worship Service will be donated to the **Gareth Scott Scholarship Fund** at Erskine College and will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor. Also, in 2009 we will be making major updates to the church building's **AC/Heat system** and we are establishing a Special Fund for any contributions to this project. If you would like to make a donation to help with the expense of this necessary project, just specify AC/Heat Fund on your check or envelope. All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

A Note of Appreciation

Dear St. Paul,

My heartfelt gratitude is expressed to all of you at St. Paul. We appreciate your cards, gifts and memorials in honor of our mother, Mandy Schley. We are so thankful for this church, family and friends that have helped us through our time of need.

Love,
Donna Shelton and Family