



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

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July 8, 2018

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship **Ten O'Clock**

*There is a nursery provided for your children during the worship services.
 We offer a baby room during worship service at the Willing Worker's room next to the sanctuary.
 Worship is wired to the room with nursing chair. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.
 Please turn your cell phone off or mute during worship.
 Weekly sermon is uploaded to St Paul church website, www.Stpaulvaumc.org.*

***Please stand for these acts of worship if you are able.**

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Gathering, Praising, and Welcoming with Announcements

“Control”

“Sanctuary”

THE PRAISE OF GOD

***Call to Worship**
 Leader: Holy is our God, who calls us to worship in holiness.
Congregation: Mighty is our God, who calls us to lead courageously and to follow faithfully.
 Leader: Loving is our God, who calls us to live lives of service and love.
Congregation: Worship the Lord.

***Hymn ♪593** *“Here I Am, Lord”*

PRAYER LIST

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Howard Gardner | Nation and Leaders |
| Eddie Lester | Stephanie Turner |
| Greg Wade | Mission Team |
| Terri & Lou Ferrier (friends of Josie Bishop) | Kathy Davis |
| Dan Totti (Wanda Garrison's son-in-law) | Elisha Hypes |
| Lynn Feggeler | |

On Tuesday mornings we pray for the needs and cares of our Church Family, our Community, and the Larger World around us! We thank you for your support and encouragement for our Prayer Group.

This Week

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| Today | | Mission Team Leaves |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
| Saturday, | 9AM to 3PM, | .Promised Land Taskforce Team |

This Week: Bible Reading – refer to Bible Reading Plan 2018

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Proverbs 13 Nehemiah 1-3 | Proverbs 14 Nehemiah 4-6 | Proverbs 15 Nehemiah 7-10 | Proverbs 16 Nehemiah 11-13 | Proverbs 17 Esther 1-5 | Proverbs 18 Esther 6-10 |

Pastor
Rev. Moonsup “Paul” Song

Church Secretary
Carol Gunter

Organist
Carolyn Mills

Choir Director
Heather Mills-McClagherty

Secretary/IT Support
Carol Slaughter

Child Care Coordinator
Laurie Tucker

Facilities Manager
Henry Nixon

Custodial Staff
Robin Raines & Don Barnes

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Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, lead us in the way you would have us go.
Lead us into your presence this day. Guide us in our time of worship, that we may hear your Word and answer your call. Lead us to worship you in spirit and truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
Response: And also with you

Commissioning to Volunteer In Mission (Insert)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Time

Joyce Stevens

Anthem

"Because He Lives"

Debra Capobianco

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist and People

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Scripture Reading

Ezra 3:1-6

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This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Sermon

"First of All, Worship God!"

Pastor Paul Song

Response to the Word ♪162 *"Alleluia"*

"Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
We have been crucified with Christ, now we shall live forever.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Joys & Concerns, Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Paul Song

When each prayer is lifted up, all respond;

Merciful God, hear our prayers

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee" Anonymous

Doxology #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn ♪670**

"Go Forth for God"

SENDING FORTH

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

Postlude on "Invitation" from Southern Harmony, 1864

Sermon Notes

Ezra 3:1-6

"First of All, Worship God!"

Thank you for Serving in Worship

| | Today | Next Sunday |
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| LITURGIST: | Bob Chapin | |
| GREETERS: | Patsy Sparks, Marjorie Vitale, Bill Streich, Mary Adkins | Steve & Jeanne Sottosanti, Eddie & Joyce Lester |
| USHERS: | Dennis & Betty Semones, Billie Jean Hill, Jim Kirk | Gary & Patsy Sparks, Diann Eaton, Judy Williamson |
| ACOLYTE: | Noah Petry | Noah Petry |
| COUNTERS: | John Stevens, Russell Williams | John Stevens & Russell Williams |

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR TODAY in loving memory of Terri's father, Earl Thompson.
-Terri Mitchell

Congratulations to Carol Gunter and Karen Cox who are celebrating their birthdays today, July 8th; to Anita Poff and Layla Peters who will celebrate their birthdays on July 9th; to Betty Linkous who will celebrate her birthday on July 11th; to Sandra Chapin who will celebrate her birthday on July 12th; and to Kathy Davis who will celebrate her birthday on July 13th. **Birthday Blessings to all.**

Congratulations to Mike Gummer and Josie Bishop who will celebrate their *Wedding Anniversary* on July 14th.

We express our **Sympathy in Christian Love** to the family and friends of Lori Smith Davidson who died last week. May God grant you comfort and peace.

We express our **Sympathy in Christian Love** to Jessica Petry at the death of her grandfather, and to Elliott Petry at the death of his grandmother. Both grandparents have died within the last two weeks. We pray for comfort and good memories of their grandparents!

Thank you from the bottom of my foot (ha), for all the prayers and inspiring cards and frequent calls. We appreciate our church family. Love, Margie & Joe Vitale

All Announcements/inserts for the bulletin need to be in by Wednesday at noon. Otherwise they will be included in the following week's bulletin. Thank you.

The Lift Committee has met and made final plans for our Dedication Service. **We dedicate Lift/Elevator** next Sunday, July 15th during worship, followed by fellowship luncheon. Please invite all members and friends of St Paul to join our celebration together. Roanoke District Superintendent, Rev. Kathleen Overby Webster, is guest preacher for dedication service. If you know of friends or family that are not members of the church but donated to the Lift Campaign please invite them to join us on Sunday, July 15th.

The Promised Land Taskforce Team will meet this Saturday, July 14, 9AM to 3PM, for planning retreat.

Pray for Summer Mission Team! 13 of youth and adults leave this afternoon for Plymouth NC, until July 14, to help repairing houses.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

St. Paul UMC is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.stpaulvumc.org,
- 2) Click on the Give Now button,
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions, or to make a one-time gift.

Vacation Bible School for children! This year St Paul joins with other churches, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Asbury United Methodist Church, and Park United Methodist Church. This year VBS meets at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church.

Joshua Spiritual Leadership Formation Group 2019, begins September this year. It is a ten-month program meeting once a month to help you growing in spiritual leadership. **Please register at: pastor@stpaulvumc.org by the end of July.**