

Thank you for Serving!

	Today – January 28	Next Sunday – February 4
LITURGIST:	Tom Bell	Ashley Johnson
USHERS:	Ronald & Geraldine Hollandsworth	Dan & Ann Rhudy
SECURITY TEAM:	Doug Capobianco & David Linkous	Ken Skidmore & Wanda Garrison
ALTAR TEAM:	Connie Bell, Patsy Sparks, Judy Williamson	Connie Bell, Patsy Sparks, Judy Williamson

This Week at St. Paul

Sun, Jan 28	Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Pack Meeting	3:00PM
Wed, Jan 31	Wonderful Wednesday:	
	Potluck Meal	6:00PM-6:45PM
	Children’s Choir, rm. 103	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-TBA
Thurs, Feb 1	Homeschool Orchestra, Old Choir Room	10:00AM-12:00PM
	Finance Meeting, Willing Workers Room	7:00PM
Sat, Feb 3	Bus Ministry Committee, Fellowship Hall	9:00AM-10:30AM

Next Week

Sun, Feb 4	Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth	9:00AM- 9:50AM
Mon, Feb 5	Trustees, Willing Workers Room	7:00PM
Tues, Feb 6	SPRC, Willing Workers Room	7:00PM
Wed, Feb 7	Wonderful Wednesday:	
	Potluck Meal	6:00PM-6:45PM
	Children’s Choir, rm. 103	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-TBA
Thurs, Feb 8	Homeschool Orchestra, Old Choir Room	10:00AM-12:00PM
	UWF Kick-Off, Fellowship Hall	1:00PM
Fri, Feb 9	No MCPS, No Preschool – Teacher Work Day	

Worship Attendance January 21, 2023

In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
51	8	19	65	143

Church Office Hours: 9:00AM-3:30PM



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 Private page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpaulvaumc>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA>

St Paul envisions

“Growing into a most Vibrant, Joyful Christian Community, Unified in Loving Service to our Neighbors, for the Glory of God.”

--Vision Statement, approved by Church Council, 2018--

**January 28, 2024
Morning Worship**

**4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Ten O’Clock**

*A nursery is provided for your children from a few months to age 5.
 Masking is optional in the sanctuary and throughout the building.
 We support any person who wishes to wear a mask.
 We encourage the use of hand sanitizer and responsible physical distancing.
 We offer a room with a TV carrying the service in the Willing Worker’s room next to the sanctuary for anyone who would like to use it.
 Please ask an usher for assistance for handicap access.
 Please turn your cell phone off or mute during worship.*

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

Welcome to St. Paul! We are so glad you have chosen to be here today as we worship the Lord together and have fellowship. God bless you!

Gathering and Prelude **“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”**
 Traditional African American Spiritual

Welcome Pastor Mike Derflinger

***Unison Opening Prayer** Liturgist Tom Bell

Dear God, with hearts overflowing with gratitude, we gather to thank you for your countless blessings. Holy Spirit, we are humbled by your love and grace, which sustain us daily. With gratitude for your presence in our lives, we offer our prayer of thanksgiving with hearts full of joy, in Jesus’ name. Amen!!

***Opening Hymns** **UMH ♪395 “Take Time to be Holy”, vv. 1,2** Liturgist Tom Bell
 UMH ♪408 “The Gift of Love”, all vv.

Anthem **“In the Valley Flows a River”** Chancel Choir
 Words by Douglas Nolan and Pamela Stewart; Music by Douglas Nolan;
 Adapted by Joseph M. Martin

Children’s Story

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Let’s sing a verse of Jesus Loves Me as our children come forward.

Announcements

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Sharing our Requests and Praises

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Prayer

Liturgist Tom Bell

Loving God, we seek your healing touch for those who are suffering. We pray for physical healing, emotional restoration, and spiritual wholeness in accordance with your perfect plan. Holy Spirit, bring comfort and relief, and fortify our faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All pray in silence.

Words of Assurance

Prayer Concerns

After each petition, all respond: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture

Mark 1:14-20

Liturgist Tom Bell

Message

Ask the Right Question – Then Listen!

Pastor Mike Derflinger

My Kairos moments: _____

One word for repent in Mark is _____ which has to do with

Feeling _____ and _____.

Repent means _____ for something or something.

Believe refers to that which one _____; in this case, the Gospel.

How are you striving for “right-standing” so far in 2024? _____.

Unison Offertory Prayer

Based on Mark 1:14-20

Liturgist Tom Bell

Generous God, we ask you to bless all the different kinds of gifts we give this morning and throughout this week. We ask that you help grow the trust in us, that we might follow You without looking back and that we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore; leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us with love, humility, confidence, and great awareness of your presence. We pray in the name of Christ who calls us and saves us, who goes before us and beside us. Amen.

***Recap**

***Closing Hymn** ♪344 *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”, all vv.*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Tune: RATISBON from Geystliche Gesangk Buchleyn, 1524

If you are new to St. Paul, please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance pad in the pew. How may we serve you? Check the boxes which apply to you and leave it in the pew, and leave us a best contact phone and email. Thank you.

The Bus Ministry Committee will meet February 3rd in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00AM to 10:30AM. Members of St. Paul are invited to attend.

UWF - Ruth Circle will kick off 2024 with a meeting on Thursday, February 8. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00PM. All women welcome! Please use the kitchen entrance.

SRPC Meeting - Tuesday February 6th, 7:00PM in the Willing Workers Room.

Stewardship Team - If you are interested in being on the Stewardship Team, please contact Sabrina Porter at 540-392-3952 or at sabbyc9@gmail.com

We are in great need of Liturgists for the coming year. If you are interested, have any questions or would like to go ahead and be put on the schedule just contact Nancy Mattox at jimnancymat@gmail.com or call 540-320-9058. Thank you!

"Souper" Bowl Canned Soup Drive. From now until Super Bowl Sunday February 11th, please bring canned soup to donate to MCEAP on behalf of our youth group. There are collection boxes in the narthex, by the lift, and the side entrance to the sanctuary. Youth Super Bowl party on February 11th details to follow, if you know interested youth in grades 6-12, contact Elliott.

Wonderful Wednesdays resumes this Wednesday. All are welcome!

6:00-6:45 – Potluck meal and fellowship.

6:30-7:00 – Children’s choir rehearsal, room 103.

7:15-TBA – Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room.

We will not have Bible studies in January as part of Wonderful Wednesdays. I am looking into some other options as we prepare for Lent, which begins Feb. 14th. ~ Pastor Mike

Please remember our members in assisted living:

Hassell Boothe, rm. 210, VA Vet Care Center, 4550 Shenandoah Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017

Susan Chase, rm.106, Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct.,
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Lois Chambers, rm. B10, Commonwealth Assisted Living, 7486 Lee Hwy, Radford, VA 24141

Kathy Davis, rm. 415, Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct., Christiansburg 24073
(540-250-2163 - mail cards to Rachel Link, 1534 Catawba Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060)

Patrick & Jill Graybeal, 215 Brightmore Dr., Apt. 63, Cary, NC 27518

Louise Quesenberry, rm. 34A, Spring Oak Senior Living, 1140 W. Main St.,
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Margaret Woolwine, rm 235, English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Roger & Brenda Woolwine, rm. 118, Friendship Salem Terrace, 1851 Harrogate Dr.,
Salem, VA 24531

Please remember our members receiving rehab:

Mary Hockett, rm 230, Heritage Hall Rehab center, 3610 South Main Street, Blacksburg,
VA 24060

Marg Modlin, rm 308, Richfield Living Health Center, 3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153,
no guests at this time

Mike Derflinger, Pastor, pastor@stpaulvaumc.org, 540-631-4469

Carol Slaughter, Administrative Assistant, office@stpaulvaumc.org, 540-382-2410

Carolyn Mills, Organist & Director of Choirs, millsmusic@hotmail.com

Elliott Petry, Director of Youth Ministries, soccerguy24@hotmail.com

Matt Birchfield, Facilities Manager, facilities@stpaulvaumc.org

Robin Raines, Custodian, rainesrobin88@yahoo.com

PRAYER LIST – Team Luke is our Caring Team this week.

Cancer Patients: Roger Adkins; Wayne Bishop; Jeremy Compton; Missy Craighead; Jamie Epperly; David Jones; Danny Lucas; Dale Nelson; Gary Sparks; Sherri (in MD)

Health Issues: Ginger & Gene Barton (family of Peggy & Robert Chafin); Gerald & Carolyn Mills; Arthur Poff; Robin Raines; Bill & Peggy Streich; Don & Mary Wiggett and daughter Katherine (Peggy Streich's sister, her husband, and their daughter); all who have colds and flu; everyone with Parkinson's; all who have Alzheimer's and dementia related conditions.

If you wish to place someone on the prayer list for prayer only, please contact the church office, or write their name on the attendance pad with "prayer" after their name.

If a person would like to receive ministry from our caring teams (cards, phone calls, visits, food, etc.) please list an address/phone number for our caring teams. Thank you!

Birthday Celebrations this week – Bill Meehan on January 28th; Linda Akers on January 29th; Leslie Badillo on January 30th; Eric Hayes on January 31st; Amanda Hood on January 31st; Jay Jones on January 31st; David Lane on January 31st; Brent McCombs on January 31st; Arthur Poff on February 1st; Wanda Wade on February 2nd; Jack Thompson on February 3rd; Theresa Flinchum on February 3rd. ***Happy Birthday to all!***

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations – Jim & Iris Simpkins on February 3rd.

Happy Anniversary!

During these cold days, many of our senior members do not venture out unless it is necessary. Many participate in our worship service by Livestreaming. A phone call from you will brighten their day! Here are some of them. – *Pastor Mike*

- Our folks in assisted-living and their family caregivers.
- Our folks on the prayer list.

Jim & Iris Simpkins, 540-382-8180.

Mary Joyce Stephens, 540-951-0290.

Myrtle Ann Rice, 540-382-8613.

Peggy Chafin, 540-382-0269.

Shirley Hodge, 540-540-382-8622.

Wilma Snuffer, 540-382-2327.

Pat Simpson, 540-382-7349.

Anna Lee Lawrence, 540-250-8297.

Margaret Ann Peyton (with her son in NC.) Joyce Lester, 540-382-6446.

Wayne & Delores Brockenbrough, 540-382-8165.

Lynwood & Dotte Foster, 540-382-3790.

Bob (540-382-7834) & Sandra (540-250-5690) Chapin.

Bill (540-315-2770) & Peggy (540-315-5229) Streich.

Winfred Huff, 540-382-4416.

Norma Loudermilk, 540-251-3146.

Ab & Mary Huff, 540-581-5045.

Jim Williamson, 540-382-8428.

Billie Jean Hill, 540-382-3330.

Ruth Boothe, 540-382-4331.

Harvey Sowers, 540-382-3114.

John Stevens, 540-540-382-1808.

Del Lane, 540-381-5049.

Patty Lusk, 540-230-8449.