

Thank you for Serving!

	Today – February 11	Next Sunday – February 18
LITURGIST:	Susan Marchi	Claire Childress
USHERS:	Tom & Connie Bell	Dan & Ann Rhudy
SECURITY TEAM:	Ken Skidmore & Wanda Garrison	Ken Skidmore & Wanda Garrison
ALTAR TEAM:	Mike & Sherri Derflinger	Mike & Sherri Derflinger

This Week at St. Paul

Sun, Feb 11	Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Esther Circle, Willing Workers Room	11:15AM
	Hand Bell Choir Meeting, Fellowship Hall	2:00PM
	Den Meetings, Activity Building	3:00PM
	Youth Super Bowl Party, Youth Room	4:00PM-8:00PM
Mon, Feb 12	Staff Meeting, Spare Office	9:00AM
Tues, Feb 13	Preschool 3’s Valentine’s Party, Fellowship Hall	11:00AM
Wed, Feb 14	Preschool 4’s Valentine’s Party, Fellowship Hall	11:00AM
	Wonderful Wednesday:	
	Potluck Meal	6:00PM-6:45PM
	Children’s Choir, rm. 103	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary, w/ Imposition of Ashes	7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-TBA
Thurs, Feb 15	Homeschool Orchestra, Old Choir Room	10:00AM-12:00PM
	Finance, Willing Workers Room	7:00PM
Fri, Feb 16	Baby Shop Pack Up Orders, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	10:00AM-12:00PM

Next Week

Sun, Feb 18	Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth	9:00AM- 9:50AM
Mon, Feb 19	President’s Day: no MCPS, no Preschool Church Office Closed Baby Shop Client Pick Up, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	10:00AM-12:00PM
	Church Council, Fellowship Hall	7:00PM
Tues, Feb 20	*Deadline for March Newsletter Submissions	3:30PM
Wed, Feb 21	Wonderful Wednesday:	
	Lenten Gathering, Willing Workers Room	11:00AM
	Potluck Meal	6:00PM-6:45PM
	Children’s Choir, rm. 103	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Lenten Gathering, Willing Workers Room	7:15PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-TBA
Thurs, Feb 22	Homeschool Orchestra, Old Choir Room	10:00AM-12:00PM
	UMM, Fellowship Hall	6:30PM



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Church office hours Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 3:30PM



Public page - <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsburg>

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--

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

Morning Worship

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! Today we sing hymns and spiritual songs from The Cokesbury Hymnal and continue our teaching series on Mark 1. God bless you as we worship today!

Gathering and Prelude

“Wonderful Words”

Tune: “Words of Life” by Philip P. Bliss; Arranged by Lani Smith

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

***Unison Opening Prayer**

Liturgist Susan Marchi

Powerful and Loving God, we come before you with open hearts and minds, ready to receive the abundant blessings that only you can provide. May our praise and worship to You be a testament to your overflowing generosity. As we lift our hearts in gratitude and expectation, may your blessings rain down upon all who gather in-person and virtual, filling our lives with Your abundance. With hearts full of anticipation, we say, Amen!

***Opening Hymns**

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Liturgist Susan Marchi

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

***Responsive Reading 745**

Psalm 10:12-18, no refrain

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:

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

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

Worship Attendance February 4, 2024				
In-Person Adults	Children's Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
74	7	15	48	144

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

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Matt Birchfield, Facilities Manager, facilities@stpaulvaumc.org

Robin Raines, Custodian, rainesrobin88@yahoo.com

PRAYER LIST – Team John 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)

Anticipating Surgery: Roger Adkins, Feb. 12th; Jessica Petry

Recuperating from Surgery: Les Lester

Health Issues: Ginger & Gene Barton (family of Peggy & Robert Chafin); Ruth Boothe; Sandy Cox; Scottie Dickenson; Gerald & Carolyn Mills; Arthur Poff; Robin Raines; Peggy Streich; Don & Mary Wigggett 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.

Grieving: The Family of Mary Hockett

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!

The Esther Circle will meet after worship this morning in the Willing Workers room. All women are welcome. If you have any questions, ask Elaine Clark.

Birthday Celebrations this week – Doris Elliott on February 11th; Terry Kelley on February 12th; Wil Stanton on February 12th; Mary Joyce Stevens on February 14th; Jon Gunter on February 15th; James Kitts on February 15th; Pepper Sciarretta on February 15th; Tracy McCoy on February 16th; Iris Simpkins on February 17th. ***Happy Birthday to all!***

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!

Life Line Screening will be here Thursday, March 14th. Space is filling up! They have 78 spots, 34 have already been filled. The cost is \$149.00 for 4 screenings. To register for an appointment, and to receive a special discount, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC. There are flyers on the table in the narthex and in the church office.

Hymn History – February 11 – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”, 1855

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus was written by a preacher, Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886) in an attempt to comfort his mom when she was ill and while he was away from her as he traveled to remind her that she had a never-failing heavenly friend. It has many versions and it has been written in many languages.

Joseph was born in Ireland. He went to college, graduated and became a citizen with high ideals. He fell in love and the day before his wedding day, his love fell off of her horse while crossing a bridge and she drowned in the water below. He watched this happen from the other side of the bridge. He tried to overcome his sadness by leaving his home in Ireland and wandered until he ended up in Canada. There he met a new young lady, fell in love again and planned to marry her, but she died of pneumonia before they could wed.

Joseph himself got sick. A friend was visiting him and found a poem near his bed. The friend asked Joseph who wrote the poem and he said “The Lord and I did it between us.” Joseph had not intended for anyone other than his mom to ever see it. He had no dreams for his poem to ever be published or become a hymn favorite of millions of Christians around the world. He just wrote it to give his mom comfort while she was ill and he was away from her.

Charles Crozat Converse (1832-1918), was born in Warren, Massachusetts. He studied law and music in Leipzig, Germany. He returned home in 1857, graduated from the Albany Law School in 1861, became an attorney and excellent composer of church songs and wrote the music for the poem in 1868.

There are still a few offering envelopes in the narthex. The Upper Rooms are also available in the narthex.

Hope Springs Eternal - This devotional booklet contains daily scripture readings, reflections, and prayers written for Society of St. Andrews by people of faith, laypersons, missionaries, and pastors across the United States and beyond.

There are some Lenten Devotional booklets available in the narthex. Several were handed out last Sunday and several have been mailed to your homes. You can also access a pdf of the devotional online here: https://endhunger.org/docs_church/lent/Lenten_Devotions_Booklet.pdf To have the pdf emailed to you, call or email the office 540-382-2410, office@stpaulvaumc.org and I will be happy to email the pdf to you.