

Thank you for Serving!

	Today – February 25	Next Sunday – March 3
LITURGIST:	David Johnson	Ashley Johnson
USHERS:	Diann Eaton & Joe Cox	Shirley Hodge & Debbie Lawrence
SECURITY TEAM:	Ken Skidmore & Brad DeGeorge	Joe Cox & Ron Hollandsworth
ALTAR TEAM:	Mike & Sherri Derflinger	Jessica, Isabelle, & Noah Petry

This Week at St. Paul

Sun, Feb 25	Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth Altar Team Training Scouts-Blue & Gold Celebration, Activity Building Scouts-Bridging Ceremony, Activity Building	9:00AM-9:50AM 3:00PM
Wed, Feb 28	Wonderful Wednesday: Lenten Gathering Potluck Meal Children’s Choir, rm. 103 Lenten Gathering Chancel Choir	 11:00AM-12:00PM 6:00PM-6:45PM 6:30PM-7:00PM 7:00PM-7:45PM 7:15PM-TBA
Thurs, Feb 29	Homeschool Orchestra, Old Choir Room	10:00AM-12:00PM
Sat, Mar 2	Bus Ministry Committee, Fellowship Hall	9:00AM

Next Week

Sun, Mar 3	Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth	9:00AM- 9:50AM
Mon, Mar 4	Trustees, Willing Workers Room	7:00PM
Tues Mar 5	Preschool Open House	6:00PM-7:00PM
Wed, Mar 6	Preschool Board Meeting, Preschool Room Wonderful Wednesday: Lenten Gathering Potluck Meal Children’s Choir, rm. 103 Lenten Gathering Chancel Choir	12:15PM 11:00AM-12:00PM 6:00PM-6:45PM 6:30PM-7:00PM 7:00PM-7:45PM 7:15PM-TBA
Thurs, Mar 7	Homeschool Orchestra, Old Choir Room SPRC Meeting, Willing Workers Room	10:00AM-12:00PM 7:00PM



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



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<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 25, 2024
Morning Worship**

**2nd Sunday in Lent
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! We are glad to see you today, whether in-person or virtual! Today we look at John 8:12-20 and continue our Lenten series entitled, The I Am Sayings of Jesus. God bless you!

Gathering and Prelude

“Aubade”

Edward Broughton

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

***Unison Opening Prayer**

Liturgist David Johnson

Come Holy Spirit!

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.

Come, my Life, and revive me from death.

Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.

**Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,
kindling my heart with the flame of your love.**

Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.

For you alone are my King and my Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymns**

Liturgist David Johnson

♪359 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”, vv.1,2,3

♪77 “How Great Thou Art”, vv.1,2,3

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 18, 2024				
In-Person Adults	Children's Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
69	9	17	70	165

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

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Robin Raines, Custodian, rainesrobin88@yahoo.com

PRAYER LIST – Team Matthew 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: Jessica Petry

Recuperating from Surgery: Roger Adkins

Health Issues: Ginger & Gene Barton (family of Peggy & Robert Chafin); Ruth Boothe; Sandy Cox; Lynwood & Dotte Foster; Gerald & Carolyn Mills; Robin Raines; Wilma Snuffer; 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 – February 26th: Michael Benson, Emily Duckett, Jeremy Whitehurst; **February 28th:** Roni Fitch; **March 1st:** Pam Miller. ***Happy Birthday to all!***

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week – Bob & Sandy Chapin on February 25th. ***Happy Anniversary!***

The Community Hand Bell Choir will hold the first practice on **Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00PM** in the Hand Bell Room (Room 301). All who are interested in joining or learning more about this new community-based music ministry are welcome to attend! No experience needed, just a desire to learn and have fun!

Life Line Screening will be here Thursday, March 14th. Space is filling up! 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.

From Pastor Mike

I feel strongly that we should use this Lenten season to reach out to our church family and neighbors. For the next four Wednesdays in Lent on Feb. 28th through March 20th, we will have **Lenten gatherings** at 11am and 7pm. God has made us so that we need mutual support and fellowship. We'll meet in the JOY classroom.

We are not duplicating the ministry of our Caring Teams, but we are mindful of what people are going through as we offer friendship, support, and prayer. Please bring names of people who are on your heart. I will bring names, too.

Each Wednesday, we will share a devotional, spend time in prayer, celebrate Holy Communion, and share pointers and guidelines on ways to reach out. We will do our reaching out/contacting between Wednesdays so that our time together can be sharing the results of our efforts.

As we are given permission, we will share concerns with our Caring Teams and during worship. If we are told something in confidence, it remains confidential.

If the scheduled times do not suit your schedule, let me know and we can work something out.

- Pastor Mike

Bus Ministry Committee – The St. Paul Bus Ministry Committee has met twice this year. Ann Rhudy, Lou Ann Thompson, Glenn Cochran, John Eanes, and Todd Fitch serve with me. Due to recent electrical issues with the bus and the need for a state inspection, the bus is away from St. Paul. We are having a complete third-party mechanical and electrical systems evaluation of the bus. Once this is complete the bus will be inspected and readied for continued use. The committee has also been focusing on developing a multifaceted bus ministry program that reaches more members of the congregation and community. Once we have this program defined, then we will focus on preparing a recommendation to Church Council for an appropriate replacement bus. The committee invites your participation in our discussions. Share your ideas with committee members. ***Even better, come to the next meeting, which is planned for Saturday, March 2 at 9:00AM.*** Hot coffee is always ready!

Respectfully, Brad DeGeorge, Bus Ministry Committee Chair

General Conference is quickly approaching and will be April 22 – May 3 at the Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte NC.

Stay up to date on the expectations and proposed legislation with these resources:

www.vaumc.org – The Virginia Conference web site.

www.umc.org – The United Methodist Church web site.

www.resourceumc.org – The official General Conference web site. A one-time fee of \$49.99 allows you to create an account with the Advance Daily Christian Advocate and have ongoing access through General Conference, including all future updates.

www.umcjustice.org – The web site of the General Board of Church and Society has submitted Seven Book of Discipline petitions; Fifty-seven Book of Resolutions petitions; and Ten new proposed resolutions.

www.umnews.org – The news agency service of the United Methodist Church.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church, which meets once every four years. The General Conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for denomination-wide programs.