

| Thank you for Serving! | | |
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| | Today – March 24 | Next Sunday – March 31 |
| LITURGIST: | Palm Sunday – no Liturgist | Marjorie Vitale |
| USHERS: | Tom & Susan Marchi | Wanda Garrison & Patsy Sparks |
| SECURITY TEAM: | Joe Cox & Ron Hollandsworth | Joe Cox & Ron Hollandsworth |
| ALTAR TEAM: | Leslie & Sonia Badillo | Elliott & Jessica Petry |
| COUNTERS: | Brian Porter & Dan Rhudy | Brian Porter & Dan Rhudy |

| This Week at St. Paul – Holy Week | | |
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| Sun, Mar 24 | Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth | 9:00AM-9:50AM |
| Mon, Mar 25 | Baby Shop Client Pick Up, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| Tues, Mar 26 | Hand Bell Choir, Room 301 | 7:00PM |
| Wed, Mar 27 | No Wonderful Wednesday Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7:15PM-TBA |
| Thurs, Mar 28 | Homeschool Orchestra, Old Choir Room No MCPS, No Preschool – Spring Break | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| Fri, Mar 29 (Good Friday) | No MCPS, No Preschool – Spring Break | |

| Next Week | | |
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| Sun, Mar 31 (Easter Sunday) | Sunrise Service and Breakfast Sunday School Classes – JOY Class, Frank Wickham Class, Children, Youth | 7:30AM 9:00AM- 9:50AM |
| Mon, Apr 1 | Church Office Closed Trustees, Willing Workers Room No MCPS, No Preschool – Spring Break | 7:00PM |
| Tues, Apr2 | No MCPS, No Preschool – Spring Break | |
| Wed, Apr 3 | Wonderful Wednesday: Bible Study Potluck Meal Children’s Choir, rm. 103 | 11:00AM-11:45AM 6:00PM-6:45PM 6:30PM-7:00PM |
| | Bible Study Chancel Choir | 7:00PM-7:45PM 7:15PM-TBA |
| Thurs, Apr 4 | Homeschool Orchestra, Old Choir Room Baby Shop Pack Up Orders SPRC, Willing Workers Room Scouts Yard Sale Set Up, Activity Building | 10:00AM-12:00PM 10:00AM-12:00PM 7:00PM |
| Fri, Apr 5 | Baby Shop Pack Up Orders Scouts Yard Sale Set Up, Activity Building | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| Sat, Apr 6 | Scouts Yard Sale, Activity Building | 7:00AM-12:00PM |



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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—

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| March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday |
| Morning Worship | Ten O’Clock |

*A nursery is provided for your children from a few months to age 5.
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, Christians around the world celebrate Palm Sunday that begins the Holy Week of Jesus’ Passion, humiliation and sacrificial death. Today, we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The people shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9)

Gathering and Prelude **“Ride on in Majesty”**
Tune: “St. Drostané”, by John Dykes, arranged by Edward Broughton

Welcome Pastor Mike Derflinger

***Unison Opening Prayer**
Come Holy Spirit! Come into our midst this glorious day. Reveal your love and power in every church. In every gathering. In-person and virtual. In every home. In every heart. Open our hearts and minds to praise your holy name, to hear your story, to know your sacrifice, to receive your grace! In Jesus’ name. Amen!

***Opening Hymn** **♪278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”, all vv.**

Children’s Choir

“Hosanna!”

“Shout Hosanna”

“Hosana, Hallelujah!”

Unison Offertory Prayer

based on Mark 11:1-11

Almighty and everlasting God, we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar. Keep us from sin and empower us daily to do good works, that as long as we live in the body we serve You and love our neighbor as we do ourselves. Thank you for your Son’s love, ministry, obedience and sacrificial death on the cross. Thank you for forgiveness of our sins, and for the gift of eternal life. May our tithes and offerings be part of our love and praise to you! In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Offertory

“The Palms”

J.B. Faure, arranged by Vivian Vevenger

*Doxology

Easter Cantata

“Loves Greatest Story, Written in Red”

An Easter Musical created by David Guthrie & Robert Sterling

With arrangements by Robert Sterling, Camp Kirkland, Bob Krogstad, & Douglas Holck

“A Great Joy”

“Call Him Messiah”

“Lift High the Lord, Our Banner” with “Lift Up Your Heads”

“Thy Will Not My Will”

“Cross of Love”

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

“Who Will Call Him King of Kings?”

“Written in Red”

“No More Night”

*Closing Hymns

♪288 “Were You There”, vv. 1,3,5

♪368 “My Hope is Built”, vv. 1,2

*Benediction

*Postlude

“With Palms and Hosannas”

Tune: “Ellacombe” from Hymnal of Wirtemberg Court Chapel, 1784

Arranged by John M. Easley

Children’s Choir:

Daphne Arthur

Ezra Arthur

Nolan Arthur

Harper Eskew

Maggie Eskew

Owen Eskew

Ana Bolin

Coble Keaton

William Keaton

Ellie Johnson

Isaac Johnson

Henry Low

Jonathan Low

Katherine Low

Isaiah Mallory

Rose Mallory

Braxton McClagherty

Zoey McClagherty

Chancel Choir:

Karen Birchfield

Kat Birchfield

Riane Bolin

Robert Chafin

John Eanes

Barry King

Sherri King

Rebecca King-Mallory


Elliott Petry

Brian Porter

George Rust

Bonnie Vaught

Narrator: Claire Childress



For our spring project, March & April, the United Women in Faith is collecting monetary funds for the MCEAP Summer Feeding program which feeds needy kids 3 meals a day, 7 days a week throughout the summer vacation. Donations are used to purchase needed food items for weekly food boxes. Checks can be made out to MCEAP with Summer Feeding Program in the memo line and given to Margie Vitale or mailed to MCEAP, 308 West Main St., Christiansburg, VA 24073. All are welcome to contribute. Thank you.

Security Teams – the Security Teams is in need of 1 person to join our teams. Please see Ken Skidmore for more information.

We need Liturgists for 2024. 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! You may also speak with Pastor Mike.

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

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.

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

Kathy Davis, 328 Fieldstone Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540-250-2163 - mail cards to Rachel Link, 1534 Catawba Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060)

Jill Graybeal, 750 SE Cary Parkway #1016, Cary, NC 27511

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

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

Scottie Dickenson, rm 332, Kroontje Healthcare Center, 1000 Litton Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060
Guests are welcome.

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

| Worship Attendance March 17, 2024 | | | | |
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| In-Person Adults | Children's Church | Livestreaming (Real Time) | YouTube (Recorded) | Total Worship |
| 74 | 10 | 12 | 35 | 131 |

Mike Derflinger, Pastor, pastor@stpaulvaumc.org, mikederflinger@vaumc.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)

Anticipating Surgery: Jessica Petry, April 9; Debra Capobianco, knee replacement April 23; Sharon King (Arthur Poff’s sister, oral cancer) tentative surgery date May 14

Recuperating from Surgery: Robert Chafin, hand and elbow surgery

Health Issues: Ginger & Gene Barton (family of Peggy & Robert Chafin); Sandy Cox; Lynwood & Dotte Foster; Sandra Hayes; Dan Rhudy; Ernie Simpson; Wilma Snuffer; everyone with Parkinson’s; all who have Alzheimer’s and dementia related conditions.

Josh Adams - the young man in bad car accident where the driver died - home from hospital but having a hard time reliving the crash. His address: Josh Adams 6843 Fair Oaks Rd., Roanoke, VA 24019

Grieving: Family of John Dickenson, Ann Rhudy’s brother; Family of Patrick Graybeal; Family of Patricia Derflinger

In-home Hospice: Roger Woolwine

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!

On behalf of the St. Paul congregation, flowers are placed on the Altar to honor the life of Patricia Derflinger, Pastor Mike’s mother who passed away Sunday morning March 10. ~ SPRC

Birthday Celebrations this week – Eva Cooper & Michelle Klawitter on March 24th; Kat Birchfield, Ryan McCoy, Ashley Memitt, Donald Reed, & Pete Tienveri on March 25th; Taylor Newman & Monty Thompson on March 26th; Del Lane, Richard Troutman, & Bess Wicks on March 27th; Don Karnes on March 28th; Jean Heltzel & Jenny Wise on March 29th; Ron Bush, Lori Trail, Dale Whitlock, & Donald Whitlock on March 30th. *Happy Birthday to all!*

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week – Matt & Kat Birchfield and Jim & Jan Rexroad on March 29th. *Happy Anniversary to all!*

Thank you to Brian and Sabrina Porter for serving as parking lot greeters for our Easter service.
We can use another person or couple for the other parking area!

We need a person on sound for Sunday, April 14th. If you're able to ride co-pilot with Gary Sparks today, Easter Sunday, or April 7th and serve on the 14th, please contact Gary today in the balcony.

A number of projects and efforts are underway for the second quarter of 2024! We will send them out in an email this week. Your help is needed! If you do not have e-mail, we will mail you a copy.

The church office is closed on Easter Monday. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Mike by text or phone at 540-631-4469, or e-mail at MikeDerflinger@vaumc.org

All are welcome!

Sunday, March 31 is Easter Sunday.

- 7:30am – Easter sunrise worship service with breakfast afterwards.
- 9:30am – Flowering of the Cross, front lawn. Bring your fresh flowers.
- 10:00am – Easter morning worship.

Remembering Pastor Mike's mother, Patricia Lee Saffell Derflinger and offering expressions of care and concern:
If you would like to send a card or note to Pastor Mike and Sherri, their address is 2081 Dominion Dr Christiansburg, VA 24073. Also, members of our congregation and friends may want to make a gift to honor the memory of Pastor Mike's mother. She was a member of Riverton United Methodist Church, now Riverton Church, and had a special interest in their children's ministry and Christian education. There are two ways you could offer a gift in her memory. The first is through your church. St. Paul will have a gift basket in the Narthex on Sunday's before and after worship for the next three Sundays beginning March 17th and the basket will be in the church office during those weeks. Please make out your checks to St. Paul and place in the memo line Patricia Derflinger memorial. If you would like, you may also include on the memo line which ministry you intend for your gift, such as the children's ministry or Christian education. Our church treasurer will then send a check(s) from St. Paul to Riverton Church during the first weeks of April. The second way you may make a gift is to send it directly to Riverton Church. Your check can be made to Riverton Church, 55 E. Strasburg Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630.

~ Respectively, Brad DeGeorge, SPRC Chair

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

April 2 at 7:00 p.m., South Roanoke UMC, 2330 Jefferson St. SE, Roanoke, 24014

April 3 at 7:00 p.m., Calvary UMC, 2179 Stuarts Draft Hwy, Stuarts Draft, 24477

An Evening with Lay Delegate to General Conference Jill Gaynor. Jill will make a presentation on key issues before the 2024 General Conference and will help us learn how the General Conference operates. **This presentation is for both clergy and laity from the Valley Ridge District.**

GENERAL CONFERENCE FORUM April 7 at 1 pm at Blacksburg UMC

Blacksburg UMC is hosting an informational forum for all United Methodists in the New River Valley. BUMC pastors will be joined by the Valley Ridge DS, as well as two Virginia Conference GC delegates for ninety minutes of brief explanations and panel discussion. Blacksburg UMC is located at 111 Church St SE, Blacksburg, VA. Ample parking is available in the church lots by the corner of Lee and Penn Streets.

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

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.