

| Thank you for Serving! | | |
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| | Today – July 20 | Next Sunday – July 27 |
| LITURGIST: | Claire Childress | Priscilla Rollins |
| USHERS: | Patsy Sparks & Priscilla Rollins | Debbie Lawrence & Sherri Derflinger |
| ACOLYTES: | Ellie Johnson | Nolan Arthur |
| SECURITY TEAM: | Joe Cox & Ron Hollandsworth | Joe Cox & Ron Hollandsworth |
| ALTAR TEAM: | Connie Bell, Patsy Sparks, & Judy Williamson | Connie Bell, Patsy Sparks, & Judy Williamson |

| This Week at St. Paul | | |
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| Sun, July 20 | Frank Wickham & JOY Classes | 9:00AM-9:50AM |
| | Worship Service | 10:00AM |
| Mon, July 21 | Baby Shop Client Pick Up Orders | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| | Council, JOY Classroom | 7:00PM |
| Wed, July 23 | August Newsletter Submissions Deadline | 3:30PM |
| | Life Recovery Ministry, AB | 7:00PM-8:30PM |

| Next Week | | |
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| Sun, July 27 | Frank Wickham & JOY Classes | 9:00AM- 9:50AM |
| | Worship Service – Christmas in July Service | 10:00AM |
| Wed, July 30 | Life Recovery Ministry, AB | 7:00PM-8:30PM |

| Worship Attendance July 13, 2025 | | | | |
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| In-Person Adults | Children’s Church | Livestreaming (Real Time) | YouTube (Recorded) | Total Worship |
| 78 | 4 | 10 | 60 | 152 |

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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--

July 20, 2025 6th Sunday after Pentecost Ten O’Clock

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! God bless you now and always.

Gathering & Prelude “Great Is the Lord”
Words & Music by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith (1982). Psalm 35:27
“Glorify Thy Name”
Words & Music by Donna Adkins (1976). Psalm 86:12
Violinist: Brandis Godwin, Pianist: Carolyn Mills

Welcome Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Opening Unison Prayer Liturgist Claire Childress
Almighty God of the Ages: we acknowledge that you are the Holy One in all creation. We acknowledge your continuous compassion and love, which will never depart from us. As we worship you, may our lives be a testament to your faithfulness and may we live with confidence that you are the God who restores all that is broken. We pray all of this in Jesus' precious name. Amen!

*Opening Songs Liturgist Claire Childress
♪126 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”, vv. 1,4
♪332 “Spirit of Faith, Come Down”, vv. 1,2

*Responsive Reading 857, 858 Psalm 145:8-21 Liturgist Claire Childress

*Unison Prayer for Confidence Liturgist Claire Childress
Heavenly Father, thank You for the long mercy and patience You showed

Your people in past ages. Thank you for the confidence I have in You that Your promises to your people will similarly never fail, and that You who started a good work in me will continue it until the day of Christ Jesus. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen!

Instrumental *“My Tribute”*
 (“To God Be The Glory”) Words & Music by Andrae Crouch (1942-2015)
 Violinist: Brandis Godwin, Pianist: Carolyn Mills

Children's Story Pastor Mike Derflinger

Children may go to Children's Church after the story.

Ministry Minute
Annual Church Picnic
Greg Journey

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Prayer of Confessions
Holy God, sometimes I think I am more aware of my sins and shortcomings than You. Help me. Change my heart and heal me. Raise me from myself into a better life. Give me grace to trust in your kindness, faith to live according to Your word, and love to love You and my neighbor completely until the end, that I may end my days in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Individual, silent prayers

Words of Assurance
After each petition, all respond: *Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer.*
The Lord's Prayer

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Scripture **Isaiah 54:1-4** Liturgist Claire Childress

Message **Enlarge Your Tents** Pastor Mike Derflinger

Offertory Prayer Liturgist Claire Childress

Lord Jesus Christ, as I offer my gifts and abilities, I open my heart to receive your blessings. Help me to believe that what seems barren can bloom into new life—unexpected opportunities, blessings I had not envisioned, relationships restored, and dreams realized – all because of your grace. I pray in your name. Amen!

Offertory *“His Name Is Wonderful”*
Words & Music by Audrey Mieir (1916-1996)
Violinist: Brandis Godwin, Pianist: Carolyn Mills

*Doxology

*Recap

***Closing Hymn** **♫557 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”, all vv.**

*Benediction and Dismissal

***Postlude** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*
John Zundel (1815-1882)
“Let All Things Now Living”
Traditional Welsh Melody, ASH GROVE
Violinist: Brandis Godwin, Pianist: Carolyn Mills

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.

Message Notes **Isaiah 54:1-4** **Enlarge Your Tents**

Our “tent” is our _____.

Our “ropes” and “cords” symbolize our _____ and _____.

Our “pegs” and “stakes” symbolize our _____ and _____.

We are working on three challenges which we see as opportunities:

1) A fresh _____ and _____. This is about _____.

2) A _____.

3) Has many levels and layers: _____. This is about _____.

Ask yourself and pray how you will be involved.

Next Sunday is our Christmas in July service! We will sing Christmas carols and hear a message on an Advent/Christmas theme. Wear your favorite Christmas shirt in red, green, white or gold and invite a friend!

The Nurture Team will meet next Sunday July 27th after worship in the JOY classroom. We'll plan the upcoming Education Sunday on August 10th and share ideas for Sunday School, children's and youth ministries. All are welcome!

Stewardship Campaign for 2025

36 families in 37 households comprising 56 people for a total of \$176,944.
If you have not turned in your Estimate of Giving Card, please do so. Thank you.

July Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR JULY \$29,379. We have four Sundays in July.
July Offering Counters: Doris Elliott, Wayne Bishop

| <u>TOTAL MAY STEWARDSHIP</u> | <u>07/13</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate | \$3,489 | \$9,444 |
| General Fund – Online Giving | \$1,851.04 | \$3,353.74 |

| <u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u> | <u>07/13</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Communion Offering (MCEAP) | \$85 | \$140 |
| UWF-Homeless Children | \$245 | \$650 |
| Texas Flood Relief/UMCOR | \$650 | \$650 |
| Piano fund | \$700 | \$700 |
| Baby Shop | \$60 | \$60 |
| Mission Trip | \$205 | \$205 |

To give an offering, you may place your gift in one of the offering plates located at the front of the sanctuary, or in the narthex (entrance). You can also mail it to the church office, or give online.
We invite you to use the offering envelopes in the pew. God bless you!

PRAYER LIST – Team Matthew is our Caring Team this week

SPUMC Congregation, *friends, family members and neighbors*

Cancer Patients: Tommy Flinchum, Shirley Hodge, Dale Nelson, Gary Sparks
Roger Adkins, Loran Albin, Elaine Allen, Vicki Baker, Rob Bedford, Stephanie Boyd, Jennifer Canevari, Jamie Epperly, Ruth Jones, Fran Kreider, Danny Lucas, Dana Nelson, Cathy Parsons, Billy Proffitt

Health Issues: Joyce Bishop, Bob & Sandy Chapin, Dubby & Vickie Charlton, Jim Clark, Scottie Dickenson, Anna Lee Lawrence, Dan Rhudy, Jim & Iris Simpkins, Sue Speed, Peggy Streich, Jim Williamson
Josie Bishop, Sherry Burke, the family of Jean & Tommy Dalton, James R. Hall, Rob Holland, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and his wife Julie, Joyce Kanode, Hetty Knowles, Tim & Jackie Rosche (Jackie has dementia), Stephanie Turner, Sue Williams

Praises:
David Marchi, Tom Marchi’s brother, has been declared cancer free;
Carl Makariak had bypass surgery Friday a week and is home and doing very well

High Risk Pregnancy: Becca King-Mallory (4wks to go), Tara Underwood (3 months to go)

Anticipating Surgery: Ed Hayes (bladder), Sandra Hayes (thymus)

Recuperating from Surgery at Home: Faye Chrisman

Hospitalized: Jordan McCoy, Roanoke Community Hospital (had a good week)

Youth & Children:
Asa, 1, and brother Abram, 5; Cam, 16, stage 4 bone cancer, one leg amputated;
Claire Shores, 3, leukemia

National: victims, families of the Texas flooding at Camp Mystic and Kerr County.

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!

Flowers are placed on the altar today – Happy Birthday in honor of David on July 22nd and in memory of my brother, John, July 25th.
~ Ann & Dan Rhudy

Birthday Celebrations this week – Mark Vaught on July 20th; Paul Cassell on July 21st; Hassell Boothe on July 23rd; Linda Young no July 24th; Hunter Blount and Kyle Moran on July 25th; Patsy Sparks on July 26th.
Happy Birthday to all!

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this Week – Joe & Sandy Cox on July 21st.
Happy Anniversary!

Please remember our members in assisted living:

Hassell Boothe, rm. 210, Davis & McDaniel Veterans 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)

Wanda Garrison, Apt. 243, English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Marg Modlin, The Oaks Assisted Living rm 201, 3706 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Wilma Snuffer, Q6, 3939 Daugherty Rd., Salem, VA 24153

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

Roger & Brenda Woolwine, Manchester Commons – Woodside Place,
6351 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505 (Brenda's Cell Number: 540-320-0986)

Temporary, Receiving PT

Ruth Boothe, Rm 308, Kroontje Health Care Center, 1000 Litton Ln.,
Blacksburg, VA 24060, Cell: 540-382-4331

Wayne Brockenbrough, Harmony Assistant Living, Apt. 126, 4402 Pheasant Ridge Rd.
Roanoke, VA 24014

Margaret Chafin, The Glebe Health Services Building Rm 2108, Salem, VA, please send all cards
to her home address, P.O. Box 1312, Christiansburg, VA 24068

And our dear friends and neighbors:

Former Pastor: Rev. Art & Willie Wingfield, 650 N Jefferson St., Apt. 218,
Roanoke, VA 24016

Mary Childress, Rm 113, Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct.,
Christiansburg, VA 24073

July & August Love Offerings for our Missions:

July 13th and Aug. 3rd: Communion offerings go to MCEAP.

Our United Women in Faith are sponsoring a monetary drive through July 27 to help meet the educational and personal needs of homeless children in our area. See the Facebook post below. ***If you would like to participate, please make your check out to St. Paul UMC, and write “Homeless Children” on the memo line.*** Thanks to Claire Childress for bringing this to our attention; please contact Claire if you have any questions.

On July 4, 2025, historic rain levels led to catastrophic flash flooding along the Guadalupe River in Central Texas. As of July 9, at least 110 people have died, including 27 campers and counselors from Camp Mystic, an all-girls summer camp in Hunt, Texas. In response, UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee On Relief) has awarded a solidarity grant to the Rio Texas Annual Conference to provide immediate relief and support. ***If you would like to participate, please make your check out to St. Paul UMC, and write “Camp Mystic Advance #901670” on the memo line.*** You can also go to www.umcmmission.org, scroll down and click on the blue ‘U.S. Disaster Response’, and on the next page scroll down and click on the blue ‘learn more’. Thanks to Rev. Doug Kanney for bringing this to our attention.

Facebook Post:

Happy Monday! I plan a Back to School Bash for all students at MCPS experiencing homelessness. At this event we allow them to pick out backpacks and school supplies, pick up hygiene and laundry supplies, get haircuts, etc. We also have many community agencies there they can connect to. Last year, because of a grant, I was able to give 100 students a \$100 store card to Walmart for new school clothes. They were so excited and appreciative. We do not have that grant any longer so I was hoping to find some community organizations that might be interested in donating any amount of these cards. I would be happy to come speak to any church/organization and explain what I do. I'm also happy to answer any questions/concerns you might have. Thank you so much!

Our Outreach Team has done a great job with this year's Regional Mission Trip going to join the UMC effort in Western North Carolina. Todd, Brian, and Russell returned yesterday. **We have local home repair efforts, too, so plan ahead!** Anyone interested in helping with local home repair later this year or the 2026 Regional Mission Trip (always the week before the third Sunday in July) can contact Todd at missions@stpaulvumc.org

VOLUNTEERS & HELPING HANDS

Needed Saturday, August 2nd work beginning at 9:00AM. Work will include weed pulling, trimming of shrubs, clean up playground and spreading rock at the Activity Building. This is our church so let's keep it as beautiful outside as it is inside. Any questions, contact Patsy 540-357-1402. THANK YOU!