

| Thank you for Serving! | | |
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| | Today – July 27 | Next Sunday – August 3 |
| LITURGIST: | Priscilla Rollins | Marjorie Vitale |
| USHERS: | Debbie Lawrence & Sherri Derflinger | Jane Collins & Cathy Nester |
| ACOLYTES: | Nolan Arthur | Ezra Arthur |
| SECURITY TEAM: | Joe Cox & Ron Hollandsworth | Jim Mattox & Tom Bell |
| ALTAR TEAM: | Connie Bell, Patsy Sparks, & Judy Williamson | Mike & Sherri Derflinger |

| This Week at St. Paul | | |
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| Sun, July 27 | Frank Wickham & JOY Classes | 9:00AM-9:50AM |
| | Worship Service – Christmas in July Service | 10:00AM |
| | Nurture, JOY Classroom | After Service |
| Wed, July 30 | Life Recovery Ministry, AB | 7:00PM-8:30PM |
| Thurs, July 31 | Baby Shop Pack Up Orders | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| Fri, Aug 1 | Baby Shop Pack Up Orders | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| Sat, Aug 2 | Baby Shop Client Pick Up | 10:00AM-12:00PM |
| | Choirs Pool Party, Mills’ Home (see flyer) | 2:00PM-7:00PM |

| Next Week | | |
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| Sun, Aug 3 | Frank Wickham & JOY Classes | 9:00AM- 9:50AM |
| | Worship Service – Holy Communion | 10:00AM |
| Tues, Aug 5 | Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal | 7:00PM-8:00PM |
| Wed, Aug 6 | Finance, JOY Classroom | 7:00PM |
| | Life Recovery Ministry, AB | 7:00PM-8:30PM |
| Thurs, Aug 7 | Inspection of Boiler | 8:00AM-12:00PM |
| Sat, Aug 9 | Volunteers & Helping Hands, Church and AB | 9:00AM |

| Worship Attendance July 20, 2025 | | | | |
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| In-Person Adults | Children’s Church | Livestreaming (Real Time) | YouTube (Recorded) | Total Worship |
| 65 | 2 | 9 | 59 | 135 |

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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–

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Christmas in July Service

July 27, 2025 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 “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”
16th Century Traditional English Carol

“How Great Our Joy!”
Traditional German Carol arranged by Hugo Jung’s, based on Luke 2:10
“The Birthday of a King”
Words and Music by William Harold Neidlinger, based on Jeremiah 23:5

Welcome Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Opening Unison Prayer Liturgist Priscilla Rollins
God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—
a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, He is the
firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, He is the Lord of life. Fill
us with the wonder of His presence in the world and in our hearts. Amen.

*Opening Carols Liturgist Priscilla Rollins
♫234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”, vv. 1,3
♫245 “The First Noel”, vv. 1,2,5

*Responsive Reading 208 no sung response Liturgist Priscilla Rollins

*The Apostles’ Creed 881 Traditional Version Liturgist Priscilla Rollins

Instrumental

“*Carols and Carols*”
Arr. by James Mansfield, a medley of “Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night” by Joseph Parry
“*The First Noel*”
Traditional English Melody
“*Hark, The Herald Angels Sing*”
by Felix Mendelssohn

Children’s Story

Pastor Mike Derflinger

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

Announcements

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Prayer of Confessions

Listening and Loving God, in the quiet moments of prayer, we experience a brief oasis from the bustle of the world. Bring alive to us again the smell of the hay, the sound of the animals, the cry of a baby. Draw us close to our Savior Messiah and King as we bring not Gold, Myrrh or Frankincense but the gift of our confession, our faith, and our trust in You.

Individual, silent prayers

Words of Assurance

After each petition, all respond: *Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson Carol

Luke 2:1-5
Only God could come up with _____
♫219 “*What Child Is This*”, v.1

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Scripture Lesson Carol

Luke 2:6-8
Only God could make Christmas so _____
♫230 “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”, v.1

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Scripture Lesson Carol

Luke 2:9-12
Only God could give us such _____
♫220 “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*”, v.1

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Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:13-16
Only God could give us such _____

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Scripture Lesson Carol

Luke 2:17-20
All Year Round
♫239 “*Silent Night*”, vv. 1,3

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Offertory Prayer

Liturgist Priscilla Rollins

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace and good will to all.

That was the prayer of the angels, O Lord, and that is our prayer as well. May our offerings and talents bring good will and your peace. Amen.

Offertory

“*Christmas Carol Medley*”
Arr. by Robert J. Hughes, a medley of “Master In This Hall” Traditional French Carol, “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” 16th Century Traditional English Carol, “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (In dulce jubilo) 14th century Medieval German Carol, “O Little Town Of Bethlehem” words by Phillips Brooks, (1835-1893) and “The First Noel” traditional English Carol, Cornish origin from the 13th or 14th century
Violinist: Brandis Godwin, Pianist: Carolyn Mills

*Doxology

*Recap

*Closing Carols

♫240 “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”, vv. 1,3
♫251 “*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*”, vv. 1,3

*Benediction and Dismissal

*Postlude

“*Joy to the World*”
By Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
“*Go Tell It on the Mountain*”
African American Spiritual

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.

Blessing Box Important Update

During this time of warm weather, please continue to make donations of canned goods such as soups, canned meat, canned diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and tomato paste, and canned fruits and vegetables. You can also include canned proteins like tuna, chicken, and Vienna sausage. It is very important that these canned items are immediately accessible for individuals utilizing the Blessing Box. To ensure access, please make sure that canned items have a pull tab and do NOT require a can opener.

Donations can be placed directly into the Blessing Box or placed in the box located on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach mission that serves our community members in need.

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 JULY STEWARDSHIP</u> | <u>07/20</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate | \$3,710 | \$13,154 |
| General Fund – Online Giving | \$946.52 | \$4,300.26 |

| <u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u> | <u>07/20</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| Communion Offering (MCEAP) | \$10 | \$150 |
| UWF-Homeless Children | \$220 | \$870 |
| Texas Flood Relief/UMCOR | \$50 | \$700 |
| Piano fund | \$700 | \$700 |
| Baby Shop | \$60 | \$60 |
| Mission Trip | \$820 | \$1,025 |
| Memorial – Jill Graybeal – Music Program | \$25 | \$25 |

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 Mark 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, 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!

Birthday Celebrations this week – Meggan Marshall on July 27th; Bill Kennedy and Neil Meier on July 28th; Randy Moran, George Rust, IV and Sally Woolwine on July 29th; John Bartlett, Ruth Lefko, Nancy Mattox and Cord Sherman on July 30th; Rhonda Reynolds and Mark Winbery on July 31st; Neal Eaton, Kenna Fox and Margaret Woolwine on August 1st; Wayne Brockenbrough and Sandra Hayes on August 2nd.
Happy Birthday to all!

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this Week – Henry & Lisa Bass on July 29th.

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!

VOLUNTEERS & HELPING HANDS

Needed Saturday, August 9th 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!

St. Paul Picnic 2025

August 23, 2025 5:00PM-9:00PM

RSVP to the Church Office by August 10th, your attendance and potluck items.
You can either email the office at office@stpaulvaumc.org, call the office at 540-382-2410
Or fill this out and leave in the offering plate.

We ask that enough is prepared for a minimum of 20 people. If you are bringing hamburgers or hotdogs that need to be grilled, please plan to be at the church by 4:15 so our grill team can get started with cooking. For all the other food items that are being prepared at home please plan to be at the church by 4:30 so we have time to align the tables with the food.

| <u>Picnic Meal</u> | |
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| <u>Last Names Starting With:</u> | <u>What to Bring:</u> |
| A - J | Hamburgers or Hot Dogs & Rolls |
| K - Q | Sides, Salads, Condiments/Fixings |
| R - Z | Desserts |
| Ice and Beverages are being provided by the Frank Wickam SS Class | |
| <u>Attendance</u> | |
| <u>Family Name/How Many Attending</u> | <u>What You Are Bringing</u> |
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S’mores ingredients have been gifted. **We ask you to bring S’more sticks.** If you’re thinking “I’m not a cook” or this or that, there are other ways to offer help and your gifts. Maybe buying a couple watermelons is easier or one small thing of firewood. Monetary gifts may be a way to participate. **We do need help with setting up and taking down, this is a BIG help.**

