

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – August 24	Next Sunday – August 31
LITURGIST:	Ashley Johnson	Priscilla Rollins
USHERS:	Tom & Susan Marchi	Dan & Ann Rhudy
ACOLYTES:	Daphne Arthur (Ellie Johnson)	Nolan Arthur
SECURITY TEAM:	Jim Mattox & Tom Bell	Jim Mattox & Tom Bell
ALTAR TEAM:	Mike & Sherri Derflinger	Mike & Sherri Derflinger

This Week at St. Paul		
Sun, Aug 24	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
Tues, Aug 26	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Aug 27	Preschool Parents Night, FH	6:30PM-7:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:30PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Adult Choir Room	7:15PM-8:30PM
Thurs, Aug 28	Preschool Open House, Preschool Rooms	9:00AM-11:00AM
Next Week		
Sun, Aug 31	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service – Guest Pianist Dr. Dwight Bigler	10:00AM
Mon, Sept 1	Labor Day – Office Closed, No MCPS	
Tues, Sept 2	First Day of Preschool (3’s)	9:00AM-12:00PM
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Sept 3	First Day of Preschool (4’s)	9:00AM-12:00PM
	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Potluck Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:30PM

Worship Attendance August 17, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
69	3	13	63	148

Mike Derflinger, Pastor, 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  
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Public page - <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulcбург>  
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--

## Season: Pentecost

August 24, 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! God bless you now and always.*

Gathering & Prelude

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”  
“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”  
“O Worship the King”

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

\*Opening Unison Prayer

Liturgist Ashley Johnson

**Dear Lord, we pray for an outpouring of love and labor within our congregation. The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for. May our lives be filled with the love that flows from your very being. Help us to work together as you did with your disciples long ago, and as you work in our lives today. Let our love and labor be a shining example of your grace and power to the St. Paul family, our community, and world. Amen.**

\*Songs

♫128 “He Leadeth Me”, vv. 1,3 Liturgist Ashley Johnson  
♫129 “Give to the Winds Your Fears”, vv. 1-4

\*Responsive Reading 125

with refrain

Liturgist Ashley Johnson

Instrumental

“Morning Has Broken”

Children’s Message

Read the Labels and Know the Contents! Pastor Mike Derflinger  
*Children may go to Children’s Church at this time.*

Announcements and Sharing our Joys and Concerns Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Prayer of Confession Liturgist Ashley Johnson

Eternal God, we are guilty of not bearing one another’s burdens, and of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings are ours, and we thank you that as we confess them to You they will not be counted against us, for all have been laid on Christ. In these moments, by Your grace, deliver us from everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, and everything that prevents us from taking delight in you. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Individual, silent prayers.

Words of Assurance

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Song of Preparation Liturgist Ashley Johnson

♫603 “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire”, vv. 1-4

Scripture Colossians 3:12-17 Liturgist Ashley Johnson

Message Is There Any Love Like This? Pastor Mike Derflinger

Offertory Prayer Liturgist Ashley Johnson

Faithful God, as we present our tithes and offerings to You, fill our hearts with gratitude for all that You have given us, that our lives may overflow with your blessings. Let us share the abundance of your love, praising you with all we have to offer. May these gifts help others find the comfort of your love, answering the cries of those in need. Sustain us to serve you, fostering peace and compassion. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Offertory “Majesty”

\*Doxology

\*Recap

\*Closing Song ♫130 “God Will Take Care of You”, all vv.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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.

You can schedule a visit with Pastor Mike in your home or in the church office. Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Mike to arrange a visit. Phone call visits can also be scheduled for your convenience.

Please consider serving your St Paul family by participating in the Chancel Choir.

This is a great decision to make for your fellow members because you will be sharing God’s Word through music. You will also enjoy fellowship by becoming a part of a loving group of people. Your worship offered through music will speak to you and others in ways words only cannot always reach.

God’s message is “make a joyful noise”. Join us when you can. You can learn with others how to read music. The anthems are online for you to tune in and listen to them. We welcome YOU.

Rehearsals begin this Wednesday, August 27th at 7:15 p.m. in the Chancel Choir room on first floor. I hope to see you there. ~ Carolyn Mills

Blessing Box Important Update

Please continue to donate soups, canned meat, canned diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, canned fruits and vegetables, and canned proteins like tuna, chicken, and Vienna sausage. Please make sure all canned items have a pull tab and do NOT require a can opener.

Please place donations directly into the Blessing Box or in the box 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.

Next Sunday, August 31st, is the final Sunday for collecting offerings for the Texas flooding at Camp Mystic. To give, please make your check out to St. Paul UMC and write “Camp Mystic Advance #901670” on the memo line. Thank you!

Last call for books and other items in the former church library in room 107.

If you want something, please pick it up by Friday, August 29th. The room will be cleared out on Sept. 2nd and 3rd and converted for space for Outreach to house tools and materials for our local and regional mission trips, and a meeting area. More to come.

The Trustees, Nurture, and Council are discussing creating a lounge in room 104. This will be a nicer, comfortable room where parents can relax as their kids rehearse next door in the community children’s choir room. Room 104 will also be used for small groups to meet. Items that were used for facility management will go into room 107, the Activities Building, or be donated. More to come.

The previous choir room downstairs off from the fellowship hall will be our History and Archives Room. Many thanks to Dan Rhudy for building a fine wood bookcase and installing new lighting, to Robin Raines for her cleaning and care of the steps and floor. A new wall base and curtains and/or blinds will be added. A part of the room will be a meeting area, and a part will be a workroom area designed for the delicate work of handling and preserving historical and archival materials. Pastor Mike and Historian Joe Cox will be addressing a number of questions. We will let you know when we need help moving items from the 3rd floor to the H&A room. More to come.

**Pastor Mike will be speaking with more area churches about participating in an interdenominational youth group for Grades 6-12.** Two churches have expressed positive interest and support. More to come.

**Are your friends or family looking for a great space to host their next event or meeting?** Our Activities Building offers a spacious, well-maintained venue at a very reasonable price, making it an excellent alternative to other rental options in the area. Whether you are planning a family gathering, community event, or business meeting, the AB provides a welcoming atmosphere and convenient amenities to suit your needs. Not only will people get great value for their money, but will also be supporting a local church that serves and supports the community. We highly recommend you consider referring our Activities Building for your friend’s and family's next event—it’s a great choice for both their budget and their experience! Please contact the church office for the facility use agreement. ~ The Stewardship Committee

**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.

**August Stewardship**  
AMOUNT NEEDED FOR AUGUST \$29,379. We have five Sundays in August.  
August Offering Counters: Doris Elliott, Wayne Bishop

TOTAL JULY STEWARDSHIP	08/17	Total
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$5,310	\$14,600
General Fund – Online Giving	\$1,504.20	\$3,972.42

SPECIAL OFFERINGS	08/17	Total
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$	\$295
UWF-Homeless Children	\$	\$200
Baby Shop	\$	\$110

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 Luke 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, Rob Bedford, Stephanie Boyd, Jennifer Canevari, Tina Cooper, Jamie Epperly, Ruth Jones, Fran Kreider, Danny Lucas, Dana Nelson, Billy Proffitt, Sasha Simpkins’ mother*

**Parkinson’s:** Jim Clark, Clara Sowers

**Alzheimer’s:** Susan Chase, Roger Woolwine  
*Gerald Mills*

**Health Issues:** Hassell (Hospice) & Ruth Boothe, Peggy Chafin, Dubby & Vickie Charlton, Scottie Dickenson, Anna Lee Lawrence, Jim & Iris Simpkins, Bill & Peggy Streich, Jim Williamson  
*Sherry Burke, the family of Jean & Tommy Dalton, Steven Hall, Rob Holland, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and his wife Julie, Tim & Jackie Rosche (Jackie has dementia), Stephanie Turner, Al & Louise Whealton, Mary & Don Wiggett, Sue Williams*

**Pregnancy:** Eliza Kerr (December), Tara Underwood (high risk, 8 wks to go)

**Anticipating Surgery:** Sandra Hayes (thymus)

**Recuperating from Surgery at Home:** Ed Hayes, Nancy Mattox

**Praises:** *birth of Nolan Hugh Anderson, first great grandchild of Joe & Margie Vitale.  
birth of Sullivan James Mallory to Cam and Becca King-Mallory*

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

**Grieving:** *Family of John Vaught, brother of Mark Vaught.  
Family of Robin Upchurch, prayers for husband Eddie.*

*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!*

**Next Sunday, August 31st, we will have Dr. Dwight Bigler, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Virginia Tech as our Guest Pianist as Carolyn enjoys a Sunday off.**

**Please remember our members in assisted living:**

Hassell Boothe, rm. 209, Davis & McDaniel Veterans Care Center,  
4550 Shenandoah Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017

Wayne & Dolores Brockenbrough, Apt.217, English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr.,  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

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, *relocating to Iowa, address forthcoming*

Marg Modlin, 3719 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: 919-907-5097

**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

**Flowers are placed on the altar today** – for my husband Tom Bell in celebration of his birthday on the 29<sup>th</sup>. ~ Connie Bell

**Birthday Celebrations this week** – Isaiah Mallory on August 24<sup>th</sup>; Ryan McCoy & Clara Sowers on August 25<sup>th</sup>; Thomas Reed on August 26<sup>th</sup>; Ariela Alderman, Tom Bell, Dick Goss, & Lauren Reed on August 29<sup>th</sup>; Michal Hanks, Larry Lawrence, & John Stevens on August 30<sup>th</sup>.  
*Happy Birthday to all!*

**Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week** – Wayne & Joyce Bishop on August 24<sup>th</sup>; Ronald & Geraldine Hollandsworth on August 25<sup>th</sup>; Greg & Wanda Wade on August 26<sup>th</sup>.  
*Happy Anniversary to all!*

**2025 Annual Conference Offering -- Gifts received Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**(1) Disaster Response Within and Beyond the VAUMC**

To support the work of disaster response in the Western North Carolina Conference in the wake of Hurricane Helene, the Cal-Pac Conference after the LA wildfires, along with supporting the mobilization and response efforts from within the VAUMC.

**(2) Partnerships of Hope**

Supporting mission efforts in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Haiti, Vietnam, and Native American Ministries.

**As noted in our August newsletter, the September Communion offering on September 7 will be given on behalf of all of us to the Conference offering.** For your convenience, gifts may be given any time before September 7 and up to September 12 by marking your check memo line or envelope with “AC” and putting it in an offering plate or mailing it to/dropping it off at the Church office during the above days.

**Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on September 3rd with a meal at 6p.m.** The community children’s choir will be 6:30-7:00. Chancel choir begins at 7:15. On Sept. 3rd the kids will have leftover pizza from their pool party. Adults and kids will have spaghetti and folks are asked to bring bread, salads, and desserts. Please bring drinks to replenish our supply.

Starting Sept. 10th, McDonald’s Happy Meals will be the meal for the kids. Sherri King will receive meal orders and money from parents and do the pickup.

On Sept. 10th, 17th and Sept. 24th adults will have a regular potluck.

We will have a sign-up sheet for kitchen or fellowship hall clean up afterwards.

Along with converting 104 for community choir parents, we will have either a guest or member lead a brief time of sharing from 6:45-7:15 in the fellowship hall. We are trying to have a variety of speakers and topics. If you were to attend, what topics or people would interest you? Please tell Barry or Sherri King, Pastor Mike, or drop it in the offering plate.

Questions about any of this? Contact Barry and Sherri King.

**We need another Altar Team in 2026.** Altar Teams serve a month at a time changing the paraments, setting up Holy Communion, and filling the altar candles and acolyte candle lighter. Please speak with Pastor Mike.

**Custodian Robin Raines’ will change from M-F to M-Th on a trial basis.**