

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – October 19	Next Sunday – October 26
LITURGIST:	Tom Bell	David Johnson
USHERS:	Patsy Sparks & Faye Chrisman	Joe Cox & Sherri Derflinger
ACOLYTES:	Ezra Arthur	Daphne Arthur
SECURITY TEAM:	Wayne Bishop & Ken Skidmore	Wayne Bishop & Ken Skidmore
ALTAR TEAM:	Jim & Nancy Mattox	Jim & Nancy Mattox

This Week at St. Paul		
Sun, Oct 19	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
Mon, Oct 20	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	9:30AM-12:00PM
	Church Council, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Tues, Oct 21	DEADLINE-November Newsletter Submissions	12:00PM
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Oct 22	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Guest Presenter- Elizabeth Wray, Comm.on Aging	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Sat, Oct 25	Charge Conference, FH	9:30AM

Next Week		
Sun, Oct 26	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
	Pack 145 Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot	6:00PM
Mon, Oct 27	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	10:00AM-12:00PM
Tues, Oct 28	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Oct 29	No Wonderful Wednesday	
	CHS Homecoming Parade	
	Life Recovery Ministry, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Thurs, Oct 30	Baby Shop Pack Up Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM
	Preschool 3’s Halloween Party	11:30AM
	Office Closed	
Fri, Oct 31	Baby Shop Pack Up Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM
	Preschool 4’s Halloween Party	11:30AM
	Office Closed	
Sat, Nov 1	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	9:30AM-12:00PM



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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

October 19, 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 as we worship and take a deep dive into Revelation 3:20-4:2.

We invite you to read this Scripture in preparation for our time together.

Gathering & Prelude

“God of Our Fathers”

George William Warren

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Call to Worship

Liturgist Tom Bell

Liturgist: We hear your voice, Lord Jesus Christ, knocking at the door of our hearts.

People: We are called to open the door, not out of obligation, but in willing, joyful response to your persistent love.

Liturgist: We open ourselves to you today, Lord, to share in the fellowship that you have promised.

People: Make us your dwelling place. We pray for a renewed awareness of your presence, and we welcome you in to transform us

*Songs

♪384 **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”, vv. 1-4**

♪526 **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”, vv. 1-3**

Liturgist Tom Bell

*Affirmation of Faith 885

A Modern Affirmation

Liturgist Tom Bell

Anthem

“You Are My Light”

Dave & Jean Petty

Children’s Message

At the Door

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Children may go to Children’s Church at this time.

Announcements and Sharing our Joys and Concerns		October 19, 2025	Revelation 3:20-4:2	Message Notes
Unison Prayer of Confession		Liturgist Tom Bell		
Patient and Loving God, we confess that we have heard and seen you wanting to step into our lives. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we were reluctant to let you in to fellowship with us fully, to cast out the things that do not belong, and to set in place the things that do. Have mercy on us and cleanse us. We turn and open ourselves to you, Jesus. Come in, and do your wonderful work in our souls.				
Individual, silent prayers				
Words of Assurance				
After each petition, all respond: Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer.				
The Lord’s Prayer				
Instrumental	“Fairest Lord Jesus” from Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842			
Scripture	Revelation 3:20-4:2		Liturgist Tom Bell	
Message	At the Door		Pastor Mike Derflinger	
Offertory Prayer		Liturgist Tom Bell		
Heavenly Father, revive us through the power of the Holy Spirit and the presence of Jesus in our hearts! Draw close, indwell, and empower us. We need your presence and power to be the St. Paul church that brings honor to you, our Risen Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Open our eyes, Lord. Open our ears. Bless every gift of time, money and resource which helps a person to take a step closer to opening their lives to your love. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.				
Offertory	“Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be”		Joseph Barnby	
*Doxology				
*Recap				
*Closing Song		454 “Open My Eyes, That I may See”, all vv.		
*Benediction				
*Postlude		“Rondeau Recessional”		David Lasky
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.				

Reasons and circumstances why a person does not open their life to Christ.
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
What would you add? _____
Some of the positive spiritual and emotional changes which might occur:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
What are the positives for you? _____
Are there challenges?
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
What challenges have you known? _____

Wonderful Wednesdays Times of Sharing! All sharing times 6:30-7:00.
Dinner is 6:00-6:30. Children’s Community Choir meets from 6:30-7:00.
The format is a 15-20 minutes sharing with a Q&A afterwards in the fellowship hall.
Sherri King will receive McDonald’s Happy Meal orders for the kids.
10/22: Elizabeth Wray, Commission on Aging.
10/29: CHS Homecoming parade. No WW. Carolyn will decide about chancel choir rehearsal.
Interested in sharing in 2026? Contact Sherri King at 304-320-1368!
Thank you! For all the cards and prayers at the passing of Hassell. All were very much appreciated.
~ Ruth Boothe

Stewardship Campaign for 2025

36 families in 37 households comprising 56 people for a total of \$176,944.
You can turn in an Estimate of Giving Card for the remainder of 2025. Thank you.

October Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR OCTOBER \$29,379. We have four Sundays in October.
October Offering Counters: Ashley Johnson, Ken Skidmore

TOTAL OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP	10/12	Total
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$4,280	\$9,875
General Fund – Online Giving	\$2,171.63	\$3,801.04

SPECIAL OFFERINGS	10/12	Total
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$0	\$135
Baby Shop	\$0	\$320
Memorial for Hassell Boothe	\$0	\$50
Community Children’s Choir	\$0	\$100

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!

Worship Attendance October 12, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
65	13	8	35	121

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, organist@stpaulvaumc.org
Robin Raines, Custodian, rainesrobin88@yahoo.com

PRAYER LIST – Team John is our Caring Team this week
SPUMC Congregation, friends, family members and neighbors

Cancer Patients: Tommy Flinchum, Shirley Hodge, Gary Sparks
Roger Adkins, Loran Albin, Rob Bedford, Stephanie Boyd, Jennifer Canevari, Dalton Close & the Close Family, Tina Cooper, Jamie Epperly, Tommy Harris, Ruth Jones, 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: Peggy Chafin, Scottie Dickenson, Ed Hayes, Anna Lee Lawrence, Becca King-Mallory
Todd Brooks, Sherry Burke, Susan Burnett, Barbara Clevenger, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and his wife Julie, Tim & Jackie Rosche (Jackie has dementia), Tina Smith, Wayne Spencer, Stephanie Turner, Al & Louise Whealton, Mary & Don Wiggett, Sue Williams

Stroke: Bob Chapin (in May), Vickie Charlton, Bonnie Cochran, Jordan McCoy

Pregnancy: Eliza Kerr (December), Tara Underwood (high risk, 2 wks to go)

Anticipating Surgery: Pam King medical procedure 10/21, friend to Connie Bell
Stephanie Turner 3 to 4 arm surgeries at Duke

Unspoken: Amy Bishop

Recuperating from Surgery at Home: Sandra Hayes

Hospitalized: Jordan McCoy Roanoke Memorial, anticipating going to rehab later

Praises: Becca King-Mallory continues to feel much better.
Stephanie Turner received a good report from her cultures.

Youth & Children:
*Dalton Close & the Close Family, Dalton is 16, diagnosed with Stage 4 Diffuse Midline Glioma
Claire Shores, 3, leukemia*

Grieving: Family of Dan Becker former SPUMC member
*Family & friends of Fran Kreider cancer patient and former SPUMC member
Baggett Family & friends loss of mother and wife
Family of Lynn Huether, cancer patient, niece of Jim Mattox*

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 – George Rust III & Debbie Seagraves on October 19th; David Johnson on October 21st; Terry Mitchell on October 22nd; Carrie Cozart & Mace Mason on October 23rd; Stephen Capobianco, Harvey Sowers, & Rebecca Wirt on October 24th; Carolyn Westmoreland on October 25th.
Happy Birthday to all!

Sabrina Porter is serving as Youth Director on an interim basis as Staff-Parish Relations drafts a job description for the staff position of Children’s and Youth Programs/Media Coordinator. This is a working position title. When the draft is complete, SPR will meet with the families of St. Paul for further input.

ReStore is coming Monday to pick up miscellaneous items. Many thanks to our Custodian Robin Raines, Pastor Mike, and Chair of Trustees Patsy Sparks for identifying and gathering these no-longer-needed items as part of our Fall cleanup.

Please remember our members in assisted living:

Ruth Boothe, Rm 308, Kroontje Health Care Center, 1000 Litton Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060, Cell: 919-906-5097

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

Bonnie Cochran, 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)

Marg Modlin, 3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Wilma Snuffer, Q6, 3939 Daugherty Rd., Salem, VA 24153 (Hospice called in)

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)

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



For the month of October, the St. Paul United Women in Faith is sponsoring a Peanut Butter Collection Drive for the Montgomery County Christmas Store. A box will be at each entrance to the sanctuary for this purpose. This food item is especially needed at the store. Many families are in need. Let’s give generously to help these families. Doing good for others is a good way to show love for our neighbors!

Youth Save the Dates!
*Sunday October 26 youth will participate in the Trunk or Treat with the Scouts. More information to follow.
*Wednesday October 29 youth will have a float in the Christiansburg homecoming parade. More information to follow.

Spread the Warmth! St. Paul Coat Drive
Starting Sunday, October 5 and ending, Sunday, December 7, St. Paul will be collecting winter new and gently used coats for children (all sizes). It may seem unseasonably warm right now, but winter is around the corner and there are children in our community who need our help. Infant sizes to Size 6 will be given to the baby shop. Size 7 to 16 will be donated to the Montgomery County Christmas Store. Donations can be dropped off in the large wooden box in the narthex or on the stage in the fellowship hall.

We light a purple candle on the altar to remind us that October is Mental Health Awareness Month. Various events are being held to promote mental well-being and provide support to those affected by mental illness. This is a time to raise awareness about mental health issues, reduce stigma, be compassionate, and to encourage people to seek help if they are struggling. World Mental Health Day was Oct. 10. In our country, October is

- National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month
- Health Literacy Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- Bullying Prevention Month

Observed focus weeks throughout October are:
Mental Illness Awareness Week (First week of October)
OCD Awareness Week (Second week of October)
National Health Education Week (Third week of October)
Explore ways to get involved! ~ Outreach Team

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! During the month of October, a ‘love basket’ will be available in the Narthex before and after Worship Services. During the week the basket will be in the Church office with Carol. Your gifts will be presented to Pastor Mike and Sherri on the last Sunday of October. Let’s take this month to let Pastor Mike know how much we appreciate him here at St. Paul!
~ SPRC