

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – October 26	Next Sunday – November 2
LITURGIST:	David Johnson	Marjorie Vitale
USHERS:	Joe Cox & Sherri Derflinger	Jane Collins & Cathy Nester
ACOLYTES:	Daphne Arthur	Ellie Johnson
SECURITY TEAM:	Wayne Bishop & Ken Skidmore	Joe Cox & Ronald Hollandsworth
ALTAR TEAM:	Jim & Nancy Mattox	Mike & Sherri Derflinger

This Week at St. Paul

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	7:00PM
	No Life Recovery Ministry	
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

Next Week

Sun, Nov 2	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
Mon, Nov 3	Staff Meeting, Spare Office	9:00AM
	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	10:00AM-12:00PM
	Trustees, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Tues, Nov 4	Election Day – MCPS & Preschool Closed	
	No Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	
Wed, Nov 5	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Guest Presenter	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Thurs, Nov 6	SPRC, JOY Classroom	7:00PM



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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 26, 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! Today we are reminded that on October 31, 1517, the German priest, theologian, hymn writer, and author Martin Luther issued his Ninety-Five Theses in Wittenberg, Germany, and ignited the Protestant Reformation, a movement that reformulated Christian beliefs and resulted in the split between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. God bless you as we worship on this Reformation Sunday.

Gathering & Prelude

Prelude on “Faithfulness”

William Marion Runyon

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Unison Opening Scripture

Romans 3:21-24

Liturgist David Johnson

Something new has been added in our story with God. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in Christ. For there is no longer ‘us and them’. ALL of us are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us. So God, out of sheer generosity, put us in right standing with Himself. A pure gift. God justified us. God got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where God always wanted us to be, and God did it by means of Jesus Christ.

*Songs

♫641 “Fill My Cup, Lord”, 2x

Liturgist David Johnson

♫110 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, vv. 1,2,4

*The Apostles’ Creed 881

Traditional Version

Liturgist David Johnson

*Unison Prayer for God’s Gifts 489

Liturgist David Johnson

Anthem	“ <i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> ”	Sebastian Temple
Children’s Message		Pastor Mike Derflinger
	<i>Children may go to Children’s Church at this time.</i>	
Instrumental	“ <i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i> ”	William B. Bradbury
Announcements and Sharing our Joys and Concerns		
Unison Prayer to Reform the Church		Liturgist David Johnson
O gracious God, we pray for your holy Church universal, that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Him who died and rose again, and ever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.		
<i>Individual, silent prayers</i>		
Words of Assurance		
After each petition, all respond: <i>Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer.</i>		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Hymn Medley	♪472 “ <i>Near to the Heart of God</i> ”, vv. 1,2 ♪473 “ <i>Lead Me, Lord</i> ”, 2x ♪534 “ <i>Be Still My Soul</i> ”, vv. 1,2	Liturgist David Johnson
Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:14-17	Liturgist David Johnson
Message	Prerogatives of Protestantism	Pastor Mike Derflinger
Offertory Prayer		Liturgist David Johnson
Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the heritage of faith we celebrate on this Reformation Sunday. You are our refuge and our strength, and we trust in your grace alone to set us free through Jesus Christ. We offer these gifts not with pride in our own goodness, but with humility and gratitude for the blessings you freely give. Use these offerings to support ministries, empower the future, and extend your love to a world in need. Bless these gifts for your glory, that the work of faith may continue for generations to come. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.		
Offertory	“ <i>Wayfaring Stranger</i> ”	Traditional Spiritual
*Doxology		
*Recap		
*Closing Songs	♪700 “ <i>Abide with Me</i> ”, vv. 1,3 ♪377 “ <i>It is Well with My Soul</i> ”, vv. 1,4	

*Benediction

*Postlude

“*March in G*”

John S. Dixon

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.

October 26, 2025

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Message Notes

Reasons and circumstances why a person does not open their life to Christ.

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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.

10/29: CHS Homecoming parade. No WW. Carolyn will decide about chancel choir rehearsal.

Interested in sharing in 2026? Contact Sherri King at 304-320-1368!

Youth Save the Dates!

*Sunday October 26 youth will participate in the Trunk or Treat with the Scouts.

*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.

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

<u>TOTAL OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>10/19</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$4,600	\$14,475
General Fund – Online Giving	\$808.74	\$4,609.78

<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>10/19</u>	<u>Total</u>
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$10	\$145
Baby Shop	\$200	\$520
Memorial for Hassell Boothe	\$0	\$50
Community Children’s Choir	\$60	\$160
Pastor Appreciation	\$290	\$290

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 19, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
52	4	10	21	87

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)

Anticipating Surgery: *Tara Underwood will have C-section on Monday, October 27th*
Stephanie Turner 3 to 4 arm surgeries at Duke

Unspoken: *Amy Bishop*

Recuperating from Surgery at Home: Sandra Hayes

Rehab: Jordan McCoy in rehab at Carilion in Roanoke

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 Joanne Teass Bolling former SPUMC member*
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!

A very long time past SPUMC member, Joanne Teass Bolling passed away. Her husband is Buddy. She was principal at Christiansburg Middle School for many years.

Birthday Celebrations this week – Norma Nelson & Kristi Osborne on October 27th; Vaughn Michael & Michael Wilson on October 28th; Carol Campbell on October 29th; Dennis Jones, Peggy Streich & Bruce Wachob on October 30th; Marty Graham, Audrey Meehan & Chuck Muncy on October 31st.
Happy Birthday to all!

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week – Joe & Marjorie Vitale on October 28th.
Happy Anniversary!

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, 208 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!

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

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.