

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – November 2	Next Sunday – November 9
LITURGIST:	Marjorie Vitale	Claire Childress
USHERS:	Jane Collins & Cathy Nester	Betty Semones & Tina Martin
ACOLYTES:	Ellie Johnson	Isaac Johnson
SECURITY TEAM:	Joe Cox & Ronald Hollandsworth	Joe Cox & Ronald Hollandsworth
ALTAR TEAM:	Leslie & Sonia Badillo	Leslie & Sonia Badillo

This Week at St. Paul		
Sun, Nov 2	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service – Holy Communion	10:00AM
Mon, Nov 3	Staff Meeting, Spare Office	9:00AM
	Baby Shop Client Pick Up	9:30AM-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
	Presenter-Meagan Arthur, Nursing Program RU	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Thurs, Nov 6	Staff Parish Relations Committee, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Next Week		
Sun, Nov 9	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
	Cub Pack 145 Den Meetings	2:00PM
Mon, Nov 10	Baby Shop Pack Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM
Tues, Nov 11	Wynwood HOA Meeting, FH	2:00PM
	VA Native Plant Society, FH	6:30P-8:30PM
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Nov 12	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Presenter-Ashley Johnson, Gardening	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Thurs, Nov 14	Baby Shop Pack UP Orders	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

November 2, 2025

All Saints Day/Holy Communion

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 All Saints Day! Today is a time to consider all those who give us examples of Christian living. We include a time to remember persons in the faith who have died in the previous year.

God bless you as we worship and gather at the Lord’s table.

Gathering & Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. by David Cherwien

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Unison Prayer

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Liturgist: Blessed and happy are those who are faithful to Christ in this life!

People: We celebrate the glory of those who now surround the throne of Christ!

Liturgist: This world is transitory. Those who live by faith in Christ are blessed with joy forever!

People: Salvation and wholeness come from God! We praise God for all who have served Christ in the past, and for God’s faithfulness to all who trust the Lord today!

*Songs

♪711 “For All the Saints”, vv. 1,4

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

♪723 “Shall We Gather at the River”, vv. 1,3

Instrumental

“I Surrender All”

arr. by Lundell Leatherman

Children’s Message

Three Chairs

Pastor Mike Derflinger

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

Announcements	Pastor Mike Derflinger
Sharing our Prayer Requests and Praises	Pastor Mike Derflinger
Unison Prayer of Confession	Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Almighty God, we are sure of joys forever which You give your saints in Heaven. But we are less sure of the joy which belongs to this life. Forgive us when our happiness and our service have been hindered by our fears. Give us courage and conviction to be true to our Christian nature.

All pray in silence.

Words of Assurance and Encouragement

Prayer Concerns

After each petition, all respond: ***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture	Matthew 5:1-4	Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Reflection	<i>Tears in Heaven</i>	Pastor Mike Derflinger

Scripture	1 John 3:1,2	Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Reflection	<i>An Important Choice</i>	Pastor Mike Derflinger

Scripture	Psalms 27:1	Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Reflection	<i>United by Faith in Christ</i>	Pastor Mike Derflinger

Honoring Departed Members of Saint Paul Since This Time Last Year

As we name each person and light a candle, we invite you to give thanks for them in silent prayer.

Marylee Bush Jill Graybeal	Margaret Ann Peyton Elaine Goodman	Mary Joyce Stevens Hassell Boothe
Anthem	<i>“Come to the Upper Room”</i>	arr. by Joseph M. Martin

Service of Holy Communion

Our Service of Holy Communion can be found on p. 14 and on the screen. When you come forward, please kneel or stand, whichever is most comfortable. Please let an Usher know if you would like us to bring Communion to you.

Our Communion Offering

You may leave a cash or check Communion offering, payable to St. Paul UMC. Our November Communion offering goes to MCEAP who helps people in crisis. Thank you!

Unison Prayer After Communion	Pastor Mike Derflinger
Loving God, thank you for giving us a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven. In this month of gratitude, as we gather with family and friends we hold so dear and as we prepare for the celebration of your Son’s holy birth, let us see signs of Your presence in our world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

Unison Offertory Prayer	<i>based on 2 Corinthians 8:9</i>	Liturgist Marjorie Vitale
Promised Messiah, help us give with a generous spirit, remembering that though You were rich, You became poor and entered into our humanity, that through You we might become rich. We pray in the Spirit. Amen		

Offertory	<i>“The Lord’s My Shepherd”</i>	arr. by Lani Smith
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*Doxology	
*Closing Song	♪715 “Rejoice, the Lord is King”, all vv.
*Benediction	
*Postlude	<i>“Lead On, O King Eternal”</i> arr. by Van Denman Thompson

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.

A saint is an ordinary person who allows an extraordinary God to shine through them. Observances for faithful believers and saints have been around since the 4th century and on the Christian calendar since the 10th century. At one time, there was **All Saints Day (Nov. 1,** remembering those who died in the faith including martyrs), and **All Souls Day (Nov. 2,** remembering those without suffering as martyrs). Today, most Christian churches combine the two, though some still separately observe All Saints and All Souls. Organizations like Voice of the Martyrs (www.persecution.com), an American nondenominational ministry serving persecuted Christians in restricted and hostile countries around the world, keep us aware of where Christians are being persecuted for their faith and service to Jesus Christ. Churches are free to also recognize the first Sunday in November as The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, and some churches refer to this day as Remembrance Day.

We will recognize and honor our veterans next Sunday as part of our month of gratitude and Thanksgiving. All veterans and their families are welcome.

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.

November Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER \$29,379. We have five Sundays in November.
November Offering Counters: Ashley Johnson, Ken Skidmore

<u>TOTAL OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>10/26</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$8,995	\$23,470
General Fund – Online Giving	\$409.35	\$5,019.13

<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>10/26</u>	<u>Total</u>
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$	\$145
Baby Shop	\$	\$520
Memorial for Hassell Boothe	\$	\$50
Community Children’s Choir	\$	\$160
Pastor Appreciation	\$	\$290
Fellowship Hall/Activity Building Use	\$700	\$700

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!

<u>Worship Attendance October 26, 2025</u>				
<u>In-Person Adults</u>	<u>Children’s Church</u>	<u>Livestreaming (Real Time)</u>	<u>YouTube (Recorded)</u>	<u>Total Worship</u>
62	6	14	54	136

Mike Derflinger, Pastor, mikederflinger@vaumc.org, 540-631-4469
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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 & Sandra Hayes, Anna Lee Lawrence, Becca King-Mallory
Todd Brooks, Sherry Burke, Susan Burnett, Barbara Clevenger, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and wife Julie, Susan Perry (FL, Pastor Mike), Tim & Jackie Rosche (Jackie has dementia), Tina Smith, Wayne Spencer, 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: *Stephanie Turner 3 to 4 arm surgeries at Duke*

Unspoken: *Amy Bishop*

Recuperating from Surgery at Home: Dubby Charlton (detached retina)
Brian Porter’s mom, broke hip 2nd time.

Rehab: Jordan McCoy in rehab at Carilion in Roanoke

Praises: Becca King-Mallory continues to feel much better.
Evan and Tara Underwood welcomed a baby girl on Monday, October 27th. Congratulations! Mr. & Mrs. Ethan Slaughter married on November 1st. Son of Carol & Steve Slaughter.

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

Grieving: *Family of Chris Foster, Dotte Foster’s Newpew*

Additional Prayers: for the Johnson Family, for our Nation.

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 in celebration of the birth of Presley Marie Underwood, born October 27. Presley is the daughter of Tara and Evan Underwood and granddaughter of Rusty and Tracy McCoy. Thank you for your prayers during this exciting time.

Birthday Celebrations this week – Sue Speed on November 6th;
Sonia Badillo on November 7th. *Happy Birthday to all!*

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week – Jim & Nancy Mattox on November 2nd;
Ed & Sandra Hayes on November 4th. *Happy Anniversary to all!*

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, rm. 208, 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

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.

Report on the Pack 145 Trunk or Treat event on 10/26: There were 24 trunks and about 85 youngsters present. Over 25 bags of Halloween candy and 2 boxes of non-candy prizes were distributed. There also was an archeology dig site and a robot can-crushing site. Much appreciated on that cool and damp evening were the many cups of Hot Chocolate provided by the Johnsons. Also noted was the "St Paul UMC Youth" trunk hosted by the Porters. We thank all who provided trunks and supplies and the leaders of Pack 145 for again organizing a safe, fun event that was a pleasure to host.
~ Reported by Tom Bell, UMM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We need to move a bookcase with glass doors from the 3rd floor down to the new Archives Room. This will probably require 3 or 4 volunteers, 2 dollys, and a few minutes after a November church service. Please leave your name and the best Sunday for you with the church office.
~ Joe Cox

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.