

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – November 16	Next Sunday – November 23
LITURGIST:	Jim Mattox	Priscilla Rollins
USHERS:	Diann Eaton & Debbie Lawrence	Tom & Susan Marchi
ACOLYTES:	Ezra Arthur	Ellie 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 16	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service-Guest Speaker Todd Fitch	10:00AM
Mon, Nov 17	Church Council, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Tues, Nov 18	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Nov 19	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal-Thanksgiving Potluck-See Announcement	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Presenter	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM
Thurs, Nov 20	Organ Tuner	9:15AM
	Baby Shop Pack Up Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM
Sat, Nov 22	UMM, Country Kitchen	8:30AM
Next Week		
Sun, Nov 23	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
	Pack Meeting, AB	2:00PM
Mon, Nov 24	Preschool 4’s Charlie Brown Thanksgiving, FH	11:15AM
Tues, Nov 25	Preschool 3’s Pumpkin Pie Party, FH	11:15AM
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Nov 26	MCPS & Preschool Closed	
	Office Closed	7:00PM
	No Wonderful Wednesday	
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	
Thurs, Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day	
	MCPS & Preschool Closed	
	Office Closed	
Fri, Nov 28	MCPS & Preschool Closed	
	Office Closed	
Sat, Nov 29	Hanging of the Greens	6:00PM-7:30PM
	To Our House Begins-Move In, AB	



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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—

November 16, 2025

Season: Pentecost

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 worship! Our Guest Speaker today is Todd Fitch. God bless you always!

Gathering & Prelude

“Trumpet Tune”

Carolyn Mills, Pianist

George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

Brandis Garwood, Violinist

Welcome

Todd Fitch

*Call to Worship

Inspired by Isaiah 65:17-25

Liturgist Jim Mattox

Liturgist: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ,

Women: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

Men: The old order is gone,

All: everything is new!

Liturgist: Illness, disease and crying and mourning,

Women: shall be as a distant memory!

Men: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth,

All: For Christ has risen! Death is defeated!

Hallelujah! Jesus lives!

Hallelujah! Amen.

*Opening Hymn

♪733 **“Come, We That Love the Lord”, all vv.**

Liturgist Jim Mattox

*St. Paul UMC Vision

Liturgist Jim Mattox

All: "Growing into a most Vibrant, Joyful Christian Community, Unified in Loving Service to our neighbors, For the Glory of God."

*Words of Assurance (Isaiah 12) Liturgist Jim Mattox

God is our strength and our salvation. God’s anger is turned away, and in its place, we find comfort, steadfast love, and forgiveness. With this hope, we can draw water from the wells of salvation with joy and thanksgiving.

Anthem “*Down to the River to Pray*” with “*Lord Listen to Your Children*” Chancel Choir

Traditional Spirituals

Children’s Message Meagan Arthur and Sabrina Porter

Announcements Todd Fitch

Unison Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 65, Luke 21) Liturgist Jim Mattox

O God, help us to open our eyes to the world and move to make a difference. We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice, persecution, and poverty, but fail to assist. We have become a pessimistic people. Help us believe in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.” Amen.

All pray in silence.

Prayer Concerns

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Instrumental “*’Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*” Carolyn Mills, Pianist

William J. Kirkpatrick Brandis Garwood, Violinist

Psalter **Psalm 98** Liturgist Jim Mattox

Gospel Reading **Luke 21:5-19** Liturgist Jim Mattox

*Hymn of Preparation **♪467 “*Trust and Obey*”, all vv.**

Message “**We’re in the Helping Business!**” Todd Fitch / Brian Porter

Unison Offertory Prayer (Isaiah 65:17-25) Liturgist Jim Mattox

Restoring God, Maker of new heavens and a new earth, where sorrow is lifted, and joy takes root. As we bring our gifts this day, may they be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kin-dom where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. In Christ’s name, who is our joy. Amen

Offertory “*Gavotte*” Carolyn Mills, Pianist

George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759 Brandis Garwood, Violinist

*Doxology

*Closing Hymns **♪529 “*How Firm a Foundation*”, all vv.**

*Benediction

*Postlude “*Higher Ground*” Carolyn Mills, Pianist

“*O That Will Be Glory*” Brandis Garwood, Violinist

both by C.H. Gabriel

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.

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

We will have a church wide Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00PM. All are welcome to bring a side dish or two and enjoy a delicious meal with your church family. If you are willing to bring a turkey or turkey breast, please contact Sherri King.

Spread the Warmth! St. Paul Coat Drive

It may seem unseasonably warm right now, but winter is around the corner and there are children in our community who need our help. St. Paul will be collecting winter new and gently used coats for children (all sizes) until Sunday, December 7. 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.

Birthday Celebrations this week – Brian Porter and Katie Rash on November 16th; Greg Thompson on November 19th; Pat Paxton on November 20th; Terri Mitchell on November 21st; Jordan McCoy on November 22nd. ***Happy Birthday to all!***

Flowers are placed on the altar today - granddaughter Ava Tucker’s 18th birthday on 11/12, daughter Stephanie Turner’s 50th birthday on 11/16, daughter Nora Tucker’s 47th birthday on 11/25, and in memory of Alma Epperly’s birthday on 11/26. ~ Connie & Tom Bell

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

TOTAL NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP	11/09	Total
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$5,144	\$12,879
General Fund – Online Giving	\$1,605.12	\$2,190.34

SPECIAL OFFERINGS	11/09	Total
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$	\$115
Baby Shop	\$	\$160
UMCOR	\$100	\$100
Fellowship Hall Use	\$100	\$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 November 9, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
65	10	7	66	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, organist@stpaulvaumc.org
Robin Raines, Custodian, rainesrobin88@yahoo.com

PRAYER LIST – Team Mark 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, Tina Cooper, Jamie Epperly, Tommy Harris, Ruth Jones, Sue Lough (godmother to Beth Brown’s daughter), Danny Lucas, Dana Nelson, Susan Perry (Margie Vitale’s sister), Billy Proffitt, Sasha Simpkins’ mother

Parkinson’s: Jim Clark, Clara Sowers

Alzheimer’s: Susan Chase, Roger Woolwine
Gerald Mills

Health Issues: Scottie Dickenson, Ed & Sandra Hayes, Anna Lee Lawrence, Becca King-Mallory
Sherry Burke, Susan Burnett, Barbara Clevenger, Missy Foster-wife of Dotte Foster’s grandson, Jonathon Hudson (leg amputation) and wife Julie, 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 to have 4th arm surgery at Duke on 12/3

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

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

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!

The personal Offering Envelopes are in. If you use them, they are on the table in the narthex, listed alphabetically by last name. Thank you.

The Community Hand Bell Choir will play Sunday, November 30th at St. Paul and Sunday, December 21st at Good Shepherd Baptist Church.

Please plan on coming to our “Hanging of the Greens” Celebration on Saturday evening from 6:00-7:30 on November 29th! We will ring in the Advent Season while wearing our pretty or UGLY Christmas sweatshirts and enjoy some family fellowship! Be prepared to hang a beloved St Paul Chrismon on our Advent Tree and to sing some traditional carols! We will also have a special Christmas treat from our beautiful “Community Children’s Choir” - they will sing for us. The children would love to have your support! After our fellowship in the sanctuary, we will end our evening with hot chocolate and cookies in the Fellowship Hall! All children will receive a Stocking - full of candy and treats!

~ Nurture Committee

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



St. Paul UMC collected 171 jars of peanut butter! UWF thanks all who donated as well as Margie Vitale who delivered all those jars to the Christmas Store. 🎄

Hosting To Our House (TOH)

We are hosting TOH during the period of 11/29 - 12/13/2025. We will have about 18 guests plus a TOH program coordinator staying in the Activity Building from about 5:30pm to 7:30am each day. The only exception is Friday the 12th, when TOH will utilize a motel due to the use of our parking lot for the town Christmas parade.

Support activities:

- **Home-cooked evening meal;** December 6 -11 will be covered by St Paul: Please email me if you will provide a supper and tell me the day(s) that could be your day so that I can arrange to cover all days.
- **Funds for breakfasts and lunches:** The TOH staff buys fast food breakfasts plus fixings for everyone to prepare a bag lunch. Estimating \$12/person/day; this will cost about \$3,000. Donations may be put into the offering plate or dropped off/mailed to the Church office. Clearly mark your check or envelope with "TOH" and it will be gathered into a fund and remitted to the TOH program.
- **Move-in/move-out:** This occurs on Nov 29 and Dec 13 and is normally handled by the UMM. We also arrange for a Church member to be available to the TOH staff for anything they may need during the two weeks.
- **Medical screening:** TOH guests will again be offered some medical services arranged by Becca King-Mallory with volunteers from her offices. There may be need for help with transportation of guests that evening.
- **Gift bags for the guests:** Our Nurture and Outreach committees have worked with various St Paul classes or groups to put together some simple hand-made or purchased gifts for the guests in past years. If anyone will coordinate gathering items for gift bags to be presented, please let me know so I can let the TOH staff know.
- **Other gifts of time or talent:** If you have an idea of something you would like to provide to the TOH guests this year, please let me know and I will coordinate with the TOH staff.

~ Tom Bell, UMM President, tom72bell@aol.com