

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – November 23	Next Sunday – November 30
LITURGIST:	Priscilla Rollins	Ross Mecham
USHERS:	Tom & Susan Marchi	Dan & Ann Rhudy
ACOLYTES:	Ellie Johnson	Nolan Arthur
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 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	
	No Wonderful Wednesday	
Thurs, Nov 27	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM
	Thanksgiving Day	
	MCPS & Preschool Closed	
Fri, Nov 28	Office Closed	
	MCPS & Preschool Closed	
Sat, Nov 29	Office Closed	
	Hanging of the Greens	6:00PM-7:30PM
	To Our House Begins-Move In, AB	
Next Week		
Sun, Nov 30	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service-First Sunday of Advent	10:00AM
	Hand Bell Choir Performs	
Mon, Dec 1	Baby Shop, Sort/Bag Donations	9:30AM-12:00PM
	Trustees, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Tues, Dec 2	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Dec 3	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Presenter	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
Thurs, Dec 4	Life Recovery Ministry, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
	Baby Shop, Pack Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM
	Staff-Parish Relations Committee, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Fri, Dec 5	Baby Shop, Pack Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM
Sat, Dec 6	Baby Shop, Clients Pick 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 23, 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.**

*Let us enjoy the blessing of being together in God’s house on this Thanksgiving Sunday,
and be happy that we are able to worship in spirit and in truth. God bless you always!*

Gathering & Prelude **“Praise to the Lord, Almighty”**
From Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665; arranged by Joel Raney

Welcome Pastor Mike Derflinger
*Call to Worship Liturgist Priscilla Rollins
Liturgist: Grand Designer, Alpha and Omega, Fortress and Fountain!
People: Word and Wisdom, Servant and Lamb, Healer and Vine!
Liturgist: Rock and Door, Judge and Defender, Bread of Life and Comforter!
People: Shepherd and Savior, Mercy-Giver and Lover of my soul!
**Dove and Whirlwind, Rod and Staff, all praise and thanksgiving
belongs to You!**

*Opening Hymns Liturgist Priscilla Rollins
♫147 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”, vv. 1,3
♫694 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”, vv. 1,3,4

*Unison Prayer Liturgist Priscilla Rollins
**Almighty and Everlasting God, you have safely brought us to the beginning
of this day and week. Defend us with your mighty power. Grant that we walk
with You throughout this week of Thanksgiving. We humbly ask that You would**

keep us from danger and we, in all of our doings, may be upheld by your hand, and be found faithful stewards in your eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Commitment to Being A Thankful Disciple of Jesus Christ Liturgist Priscilla Rollins
Liturgist: Let us reaffirm our commitment to follow Jesus the Messiah.

I choose today to be thankful for my many blessings. I know that all I have is from God who is with me always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here. Because I am blessed by your grace, I will share what I have been given in time, experience, wisdom, love, and talents.

Bless this church and all churches and bodies of believers. Together we believe what Jesus said: that as we serve our brothers and sisters, whoever they are and whatever they are, we serve Him.

Through it all, I will remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus, and the presence of your Holy Spirit. Protect and guide me on this journey, as I seek to be your faithful steward and disciple.

Anthem “Many Gifts, One Spirit” Chancel Choir
Mary Lightfoot

Announcements Pastor Mike Derflinger

Community Children’s Choir
“T-H-A-N-K-S, Thanks”, “Thank You”, “God Is Good To Us”, “We Give You Thanks”

Giving of Awards Carolyn Mills
Children may go to Children’s Church afterwards

Sharing Our Prayer Concerns

Unison Prayer of Confession Liturgist Priscilla Rollins
Save us, Lord, from the sin of ingratitude, and the conceit that what we do well is without any aid from others or from You; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.
Words of Assurance
Prayer Concerns

After each petition, all respond: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
The Lord’s Prayer

Instrumental “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Louis Bourgeois
“We Gather Together”
Netherlands Folk Song

Scripture Matthew 6:25-33 Liturgist Priscilla Rollins

Meditation U the Steward of Your Talents and Soul Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Offertory Prayer based on Isaiah 40:3 Liturgist Priscilla Rollins
You direct us by your prophet Isaiah to “Prepare for God’s arrival! And to make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God!” May our offerings make it easier for You to enter people’s lives. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Offertory “Come, Ye Thankful People”
Arranged by Eleanor Pankow

*Doxology
*Closing Hymn ♪218 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”, all vv.
*Benediction
*Postlude “Trumpet Tune”
Henry Purcell

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.

Sermon Notes to U the Steward of Your Talents and Soul Text: Matthew 6: 25-33

I am being a steward of my talents by _____,

by _____, and by _____.

What I need to do is _____.

I am being a good steward of and caring for my soul by _____

_____, and by _____.

What I need to do is _____.

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	11/16	Total
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$3,124.54	\$16,003.54
General Fund – Online Giving	\$2,248.06	\$4,438.40

SPECIAL OFFERINGS	11/16	Total
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$	\$115
Baby Shop	\$50	\$210
UMCOR	\$	\$100
Fellowship Hall Use	\$	\$100
To Our House	\$196	\$196

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 16, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
74	9	18	110	211

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: Dubby Charlton, Ed & Sandra Hayes, Sherri King, Brian Porter
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:
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.

Praises: Wayne Bishop is declared cancer free!

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 – We are so Thankful for our church family and friends.
Bless each one. ~ In Christ we love, Dan & Ann Rhudy

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
Cookies! Donations of cookies are appreciated for Hanging of the Greens. They can be left on the counter in the kitchen.
~ Thank You! Sherri King

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

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
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 – Matt Birchfield on November 23rd; Perry Cassell on November 24th; Bruce Schleicher on November 25th; Bonnie Myers on November 26th; Sandy Cox on November 27th; Betsy Rittenhouse on November 28th; Thomas Childress, Bob Dickenson, & Peggy Long on November 29th.
Happy Birthday to all!

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week – Rusty & Tracy McCoy on November 26th.
Happy Anniversary!

Hosting To Our House (TOH) Update:
- **Dinners:** The response was quick and we have the dinners during our week provided for now. Thank you!!
- **Financial support needed:** To provide breakfast and lunch for all the guests just during our week (12/6-12/12) we need about \$1,500. Please put donations of cash, checks, or gift cards into the offering plate or drop off/mail them to the Church office. Clearly mark your check or envelope with "TOH" and it will be gathered together and presented to the TOH program.
- **Gift bags** for the guests: pending
- **Medical screening:** being arranged, needs not identified yet
- **Move in/out** & church contacts for TOH staff: Will coordinate with UMM
~ Tom Bell, UMM President, tom72bell@aol.com

<u>Community Children’s Choir</u>		
Daphne Arthur	Edgar Kersey	Rose Mallory
Ezra Arthur	Owen Kersey	Braxton McClaugherty
Anna Bolin	William Kersey	Zoey McClaugherty
Ellie Johnson	Isaiah Mallory	Jillian Miller
		Piper West
<u>Youth Helpers</u>		
Nolan Arthur and Isaac Johnson		