

Thank you for Serving!		
	Today – January 4	Next Sunday – January 11
LITURGIST:	David Johnson	Jim Mattox
USHERS:	Joe Cox & Marjorie Vitale	Rusty & Tracy McCoy
ACOLYTES:	Edgar Kersey	Ezra Arthur
SECURITY TEAM:	David Linkous & Wayne Bishop	David Linkous & David Johnson
ALTAR TEAM:	Connie Bell, Patsy Sparks, Judy Williamson	Connie Bell, Patsy Sparks, Judy Williamson

This Week at St. Paul		
Sun, Jan 4	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Worship Service-Epiphany Sunday	10:00AM
	Holy Communion	
Mon, Jan 5	Baby Shop, Pack/Sort	9:30AM-12:00PM
Wed, Jan 7	No Wonderful Wednesday	
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	
Next Week		
Sun, Jan 11	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
Mon, Jan 12	Baby Shop, Pack/Sort	9:30AM-12:00PM
Tues, Jan 13	Community Hand Bell Choir, Rm 301	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Jan 14	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	The Chosen	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM



Saint Paul United Methodist Church  
220 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Epiphany Sunday  
January 4, 2026 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! We begin the new year with the revelation of the Christ child. Like the Magi, we have wandered over the last year, sometimes across rough terrain and other times over smooth roads, to seek the promise that God is doing a new thing among us. God bless you as we worship.

Gathering & Prelude “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” English Folk Song

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Mike Derflinger

\*Unison Opening Prayer Liturgist David Johnson  
Eternal and Mighty God, you manifested your only Son to everyone by the leading of a star. We give ourselves to your grace to be your witnesses in thought, word, and deed on this Epiphany Sunday and in this new year; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Opening Carol ♪229 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”, both vv. Liturgist David Johnson

\*Affirmation of Faith #887 Romans 8:35, 37-39 Liturgist David Johnson

Anthem “Gloria” (Our Savior Found Us) Chancel Choir  
By Michael Farron, Krissy Nordhoff, and Travis Ryan

Children’s Story Pastor Mike Derflinger  
Children may go to Children’s Church afterwards.

Announcements

Sharing our Prayer Requests and Praises Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness Liturgist David Johnson  
Almighty God, do not leave me in the regret of my shortcomings. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of my salvation so that I may love you and my neighbor with a holy love in 2026; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.  
Words of Assurance  
Prayer Concerns

## The Lord's Prayer

♫245 *“The First Noel”, vv. 3,5*  
*As with Gladness Men of Old*

***“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”***  
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

♫254 “We Three Kings”, vv. 1,2,5

7:15-8:15 – Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room.

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

**Cancer Patients:**

**Parkinson’s:**

**Alzheimer’s:**

**Health Issues:**

**Hospitalized:**

**Stroke:**

**Unspoken:**

**Recuperating from Surgery at Home:**

**Youth & Children:**

**Additional Prayers:**

**Grieving:** Family of Wilma Snuffer

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*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!*

**Our Nurture Team will offer a Bible study on *The Chosen* to anyone who is interested on Wonderful Wednesdays beginning January 14th.** Nurture asks that you watch Season 1 Episode 1 entitled “I Have Called You By Name” on your phone from The Chosen App (free) or on Amazon Prime, then we will have the devotional and talk about it on Wednesday evening (6:30-7:00). Our WW meal continues to be 6:00-6:30. Make plans now to be part of this! Thanks to Sherry Bishop for facilitating!  
~ Nurture Team

**A leaky roof was discovered in the kitchen about a month ago.** Trustees have signed a contract with Lilly Home Improvement Inc. Total cost will be \$9840.00 of which half (\$4920.00) has been paid. There is a large tote placed in the kitchen floor to catch water, please do not move. If any questions just ask.  
~ Patsy, Chair of Trustees

Worship Attendance December 28, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children’s Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
51	8	11	104	174

**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—

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**Church office hours Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 3:30PM**

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**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

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

**January Stewardship**

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR JANUARY \$29,379. We have four Sundays in January.  
January Offering Counters: Brian Porter, Dan Rhudy

<u>TOTAL DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>12/28</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$1,185	\$19,254
General Fund – Online Giving	\$585.22	\$5,546.63

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we received tithes and offerings in the amount of \$24,800.63 in December! While we didn't quite reach our full goal of \$29,379, this amount allows us to provide salaries, children's and youth ministries, and utilities. Thank you!

<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>12/28</u>	<u>Total</u>
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$	\$295
Baby Shop	\$	\$240
Fellowship Hall Use	\$	\$250
To Our House	\$	\$450

We are so grateful for your support! Together, we've collected monies to support MCEAP, Baby Shop, and To Our House, all which directly impacts helping people in crisis and giving families hope in practical ways! Kiwanis used our Fellowship Hall to host their annual Children's Christmas Party for 50 local children. Thank you!

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!