

Scripture **John 20:19-29** Liturgist David Johnson

Text: John 20:10-29

Title: Late for Easter

Message **Late for Easter** Pastor Mike Derflinger

Questions:
Why were the doors were locked (v.19) and shut (v. 26), and what does this reveal about the state of the disciples' minds? _____.

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 you are more comfortable doing.
Please let an Usher know if you would like us to bring Communion to you.
After you receive Communion, you're invited to receive prayer at our Prayer Station on our front pew before returning to your seat.*

Why do you think Jesus' first words were, "Peace be with you?" (v.19) _____
Why do you think He said it again in v. 21 and v. 26? _____.

If you chose the most important part of this text, what is it? _____.
Why does it speak to you? _____.

Our Communion Offering

You may leave a cash or check Communion offering, payable to St. Paul UMC.
Today's offering will go to *To Our House*. Thank you!

Like Thomas, when have you found it to believe without physical proof, both in everyday living, and in your life of faith as a follower of Christ? _____
_____.

Stewardship Minute Pastor Mike Derflinger

How can you apply Jesus' words in v. 21b to your daily life? _____
_____.

Unison Offertory Prayer Liturgist David Johnson

Gracious God, as we hear the story of Thomas, help us to use doubt in order that we may believe, then us move past fear and doubt into an authentic faithfulness. As we make our offering to you, work through our personalities and give us the courage to live out the hope of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Youth Group

Our youth group for middle and high school students is kicking off today, Sunday, April 12th. We will meet 5:30 – 7:30pm (dinner will be served). Come to the St. Paul entrance facing the playground when you arrive at 5:30. Youth group will be a time of food, fun and faith formation.

Offertory **"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"** Lyra Davidica

All middle and high schoolers are welcome to attend!
Adults - If you are interested in assisting with youth group from time to time, please let our director of Youth Ministry know!

*Doxology

*Recap Pastor Mike Derflinger

Life Recovery Car Wash May 2, 9:00-2:00 at the American Car Wash on Roanoke St.

*Closing Hymn **♫308 "Thine Be the Glory", all vv.**

*Benediction Pastor Mike Derflinger

Offering Counters – we are in need of 2 new offering counters. If anyone can volunteer, please contact Ken Skidmore, kskidmo52@gmail.com. Thank you.

*Postlude **"Crown Him With Many Crowns"** George J. Elves

*If you are new to St. Paul, we hope you will worship with us again very soon.
To catch all of our previous services, please go to our YouTube Channel
StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA.*

Lectionary Bible Study starts Monday, April 27. Meet in the JOY Classroom 6:00pm-7:30pm. This is continual until otherwise noted.

PRAYER LIST – Team John is our Caring Team this week

SPUMC Congregation, *friends, family members and neighbors*

| Worship Attendance April 5, 2025 | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| In-Person Adults | Children's Church | Livestreaming (Real Time) | YouTube (Recorded) | Total Worship |
| 101 | 6 | 21 | 107 | 235 |

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--

Phone: (540)382-2410 Fax: (540)382-1373

Church Website: www.stpaulvaumc.org

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 3:30PM

Our Church Staff

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Cancer Patients:

Rob Bedford, Jamie Epperly, Skip Fenton, Susan Perry

Parkinson's: Jim Clark

Alzheimer's: Roger Woolwine

Kenny J.

Health Issues: Wayne Bishop, Bob Dickenson, Ed & Sandra Hayes, Jim Simpkins
Amos Blair, Jerry Dowdy, Phyllis Osmond (niece of Judi Eanes), Cliff Thompson (nephew of Judi Eanes), a baby who was in NICU is now at home

Recuperating from Surgery at Home: Joe Chase, Sherri King

Joyce Burnett

Grieving: Family of Jordan McCoy, Family of Susan Chase

Families and friends of Allen Derflinger II, Gerald Mills, Frank Nause Jr., Shirley Thompson, Rev. Glenn Tyndall, mother of Bonnie Vaught

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!

Birthday Celebrations this week – Joyce Lester on April 13th; Carol Cornish & Margie Liverman on April 14th; Becky Gardner & Bryce Wade on April 15th; Tina Martin on April 16th; Anne Lawson on April 17th; Victoria Desimone, Carol Johnson, & Kari Wildman on April 18th. Missed from last week: Mia Bravo and Brody Nelson on April 7th. Apologies for missing them.

Happy Birthday to all!

The Nurture committee is sponsoring our first bike ride for adult riders of any experience level. We will take a relaxing ride on the Huckleberry Trail behind the Christiansburg mall at 2:00 on Sunday, April 26th. Stay tuned for more information and for info on rides for our youth.

Esther Circle will meet at Penny Kanney's house on April 14th at 7:00p.m. All women are welcome. For information contact Elaine Clark 540-239-0434.

Parents of children and youth:

Please take a few minutes to fill out our ministry registration form. This covers participation in: children’s church, community children’s choir, youth group and our other children and youth activities.

It is a simple form that helps our ministry leaders have the information they need to plan a safe and appropriate program for your kids and teens and communicate easily with families.

The digital form will only take a couple of minutes to complete and can be accessed by visiting tinyurl.com/kidsandyouth or using this QR code:



Fellowship Opportunity:

This Saturday, April 18th is the Virginia Tech Spring Game. Admission is free! **If you would like to attend together, meet at the church playground on Saturday at 1:15pm.** All are welcome!

We can travel over, park in the same general area and sit together in the stadium for the game. Concessions will be open. This is a general fellowship event so children should plan to ride and attend with their families. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with other St. Paul members and cheer for the Hokies in a game where since we’re on both sides - surely, we are guaranteed a win!

Questions? Reach out to Ashley Johnson.

July Mission Trip! 12-18 July 2026 the Western North Carolina Conference will host our annual regional mission trip. If you want to help people, you are qualified! No special skills, church affiliation, or faith background is required. Prayerfully consider joining the team and contact Todd Fitch at missions@stpaulvaumc.org for forms and details. We stop recruiting after 17 May 2026 so book your spot today with a \$50 deposit. Total cost will be \$175, \$160 to St. Paul UMC + \$15 for the WNCC online background check. If you’re unable to join in person, support the team with a cash donation toward travel, material costs, and local home repair work. Write checks to “St. Paul UMC” with “Mission Trip 201-200-4353” in the memo area. The team will also need food donations so contact Todd for details on that. Pray for the team’s safety and the power to uplift people they touch who are recovering from flooding and other hardships.

Please remember our members and *neighbors* in assisted living:

Kroontje Health Care Center, 1000 Litton Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060
Ruth Boothe, rm 308, Cell: 919-906-5097

English Meadows, 3400 South Point Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060
Wayne & Dolores Brockenbrough, Apt.217
Margaret Woolwine, rm. 235

Commonwealth Senior Living, 201 Wheatland Ct., Christiansburg, VA 24073
Bonnie Cochran, rm. 208
Mary Childress, rm. 113

328 Fieldstone Ln., Blacksburg, VA 24060
Kathy Davis
(540-250-2163 - mail cards to Rachel Link, 1534 Catawba Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060)

3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153
Marg Modlin

Manchester Commons – Woodside Place, 6351 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505
Roger & Brenda Woolwine, Brenda’s Cell Number: 540-320-0986

And our dear friends and neighbors:

650 N Jefferson St., Apt. 218, Roanoke, VA 24016
Former Pastor: Rev. Art & Willie Wingfield

April Stewardship
AMOUNT NEEDED FOR APRIL \$32,500. We have four Sundays in April.
April Offering Counters: David Johnson, Sabrina Porter

| <u>TOTAL APRIL STEWARDSHIP</u> | <u>04/05</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate | \$3868 | \$3868 |
| General Fund – Online Giving | \$764.73 | \$764.73 |

| <u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS APRIL</u> | <u>04/05</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Communion Offering (To Our House) | \$20 | \$20 |
| Baby Shop | \$60 | \$60 |
| Palm/Easter Flowers | \$25 | \$25 |