

Thank you for Serving!

	Today – April 5	Next Sunday – April 12
LITURGIST:	Marjorie Vitale	David Johnson
USHERS:	Patsy Sparks & Faye Chrisman	Marjorie Vitale & Priscilla Rollins
ACOLYTES:	Daphne Arthur	Edgar Kersey
SECURITY TEAM:	Tom Bell & Ron Hollandsworth	Tom Bell & Ron Hollandsworth
ALTAR TEAM:	Leslie & Sonia Badillo	Leslie & Sonia Badillo

This Week at St. Paul

Sun, Apr 5	Easter Sunrise Service-Breakfast to Follow	7:30AM
	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM-9:50AM
	Easter Worship Service	10:00AM
Mon, Apr 6	Church Office Closed	
	Baby Shop, Clients Pick Up/Sort	9:30AM-12:00PM
	Finance, JOY Classroom	7:00PM
Tues, Apr 7	Community Hand Bell Choir, RM 301	7:00PM-8:00PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Apr 8	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	<i>The Chosen-Season 1 Episode 10</i>	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
Thurs, Apr 9	Ruth Circle, JOY Classroom	1:00PM
	Book Study – <i>Brave Church</i> , JOY Classroom	7:30PM
Fri, Apr 10	Pack 145 Yard Sale Set Up, AB	
Sat, Apr 11	Pack 145 Yard Sale, AB	

Next Week

Sun, Apr 12	Frank Wickham & JOY Classes	9:00AM- 9:50AM
	Worship Service	10:00AM
	Den Meetings, AB	2:00PM
	Youth Group	5:30PM-7:30PM
Mon, Apr 13	Baby Shop, Clients Pick Up/Sort/Pack Orders	9:30AM-12:00PM
	Staff Meeting, Spare Office	9:00AM
Tues, Apr 14	Community Hand Bell Choir, Rm 301	7:00PM-8:00PM
	Life Recovery Ministry, AB	7:00PM-8:00PM
Wed, Apr 15	Wonderful Wednesday	
	Meal	6:00PM
	Community Children’s Choir	6:30PM-7:00PM
	<i>The Chosen-Season 1 Episode 11</i>	6:30PM-7:00PM
	Chancel Choir	7:15PM-8:30PM
Thurs, Apr 16	UMM, FH	6:30PM
	Book Study – <i>Brave Church</i> , JOY Classroom	7:30PM
Fri, Apr 17	Baby Shop, Pack Orders/Sort/Bag	9:30AM-12:00PM



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

220 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073

April 5, 2026 Easter/Resurrection Sunday 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! In Jesus’ death and resurrection, prophecy is fulfilled, light conquers darkness, love vanquishes hate, and life defeats death. He proves that His words are true. God bless you as you worship today.

Gathering & Prelude

“The Day of Resurrection”

arr. by Carol Tornquist

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Luke 24:5-7, 26, 36

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Liturgist: We visit the tomb early in the morning.

All: And hear that wonderful voice: Why do you look for the living among the dead? Remember what Jesus told you before He died: He must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.

Liturgist: It was necessary for Jesus to suffer these things and then enter into His glory.

All: He has been raised from the dead! Peace be with you!

*Opening Hymns

♫302 ***“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”***, vv. 1,2,3

♫303 ***“The Day of Resurrection”***, vv. 1,3

*Affirmation of Faith 888

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

from I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

Anthem

“Name of All Majesty”

Joel Raney

Children’s Story

Heavy Things

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Announcements

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Sharing our Prayer Concerns and Answers to Prayer

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Prayer

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Eternal God, we praise you for your love and faithfulness towards all who call on you. We praise you for being a perfect, trustworthy, and holy God that is bigger than all the evil we experience here on Earth. Help us in these moments to share with you what ails us. Forgive our sins – the actions we do and who we are. Recalibrate our intentions and refocus our hearts to the wonder and happiness of this Easter Day.

All pray in silence.

Words of Assurance

After each petition, all pray: *Risen Jesus Christ, hear our prayer.*

Lord's Prayer

Easter Medley

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

♪304 *"Easter People, Raise Your Voices", vv. 1,3*

♪322 *"Up from the Grave He Arose", vv. 1,3*

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Lord Jesus Christ, open my ears to hear, and my heart to receive, all that you want to say to me. Help me to see you, to hear you, and ultimately to follow you. Amen.

Scriptures

Mark 16:1-7

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Reflection

He is Not Here

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Hymn

♪364 *"Because He Lives", vv. 1,3*

Reflection

1 Peter 1:3-7

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

Message

An Invitation

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Easter Stewardship Minute

Pastor Mike Derflinger

Unison Offering Prayer

Liturgist Marjorie Vitale

God of all goodness and grace: receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you honor and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Lyra Davidica

*Doxology

*Recap

Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Closing Hymn

♪310 *"He Lives", vv. 1,3*

*Benediction

Pastor Mike Derflinger

*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.

Notes on Mark 16: 1-7

"He is Not Here"

What is the significance of the angel's appearance to you?

The "young man" in verse 5 is unique to Mark's Gospel. Who do you think he is?

Is the meaning of Easter to you more about Jesus' presence or absence? Why?

Notes on 1 Peter 1: 3-7

"An Invitation"

What does it mean to you to follow Jesus? _____

Pastor Mike said, "Following Jesus does not mean an easy life, but it does lead to a life of power and purpose, joy in the face of suffering, and a profound, even world-changing, love for God and people." Do you agree? Why or why not?

There will be no children's church today so that families can worship together. We will have fun worship packets for the children. Children's church will resume on April 12th.

If you have flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please pick them up after the service.

Please send your brief word of reflection on the book of the Bible that you read during Lent to Pastor Mike.

Youth Group

Our youth group for middle and high school students is kicking off on 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. 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!

Pastor Mike will be out of town this week, Tuesday through Thursday. In case of emergency please call the church office.

Worship Attendance March 29, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children's Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
97	Not Held	13	67	177

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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Carolyn Mills, Organist & Director of Choirs, organist@stpaulvaumc.org

Robin Raines, Custodian, rainesrobin88@yahoo.com



PRAYER LIST – Team John is our Caring Team this week

SPUMC Congregation, *friends, family members and neighbors*

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 – Paula Walker on April 5th; Gary Sparks on April 6th; Sarah Bravo & Kathy Martin on April 11th. ***Happy Birthday to all!***

Decisions Made at Council on 3/16:

We began passing the offering plates on Sunday, March 22nd.

Stewardship tasks will move away from Finance and form a separate Team.

Our Wedding Policy is being updated and is under Worship which is part of Nurture.

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.

Ruth Circle will meet on April 9 at 1:00 pm in the Joy Classroom. Priscilla Rollins will be presenting a program entitled "The History of Black Methodism." We hope many of you can attend. We will be having our circle lunch beforehand at El Bronco at 11:30 am.

Photographers Needed

We would like to get some good pictures made of our acolytes. If you have photography skills and are willing to take a few pictures, please let Ashley Johnson know (youth@stpaulvaumc.org or 540-250-5587).

St. Paul Social Media

Let's get connected through social media with our latest news and updates. This is an easy and free way to stay in the loop.

Facebook

Facebook page: St. Paul UMC Christiansburg

www.facebook.com/stpaulcburg

Click "follow"

Instagram

Search: stpaulvaumc

Click "follow"

YouTube

Search: StPaulUMCChristiansburgVA

Click "subscribe"

Do you know middle or high school students in the New River Valley? This could include your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors. We would love to let them know about what is happening with our youth ministry here at St. Paul!

Email youth@stpaulvaumc.org with their names and contact information or with your contact information to stay up to date.

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:



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 MARCH STEWARDSHIP</u>	<u>03/29</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$3,429	\$28,485
General Fund – Online Giving	\$754.43	\$5,994.64

<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS MARCH</u>	<u>03/29</u>	<u>Total</u>
Communion Offering (MCEAP)	\$	\$160
Baby Shop	\$100	\$160
Palm/Easter Flowers	\$200	\$675
Bereavement Fund	\$	\$700
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	\$500

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL FLOWERS

<u>IN HONOR OF</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>PLACED BY</u>
Our Grandchildren: Brandyn, Ethan, Kaya, Ava, Jillian, & Mason		Connie & Tom Bell
	Our Loving Parents	Leslie & Sonia Badillo
	Mrs. Mary Bird & B.K. Chafin Eugene & Margaret Ann Peyton	Robert Chafin
	Margaret & Sonny Childress (Charles' Parents) Huey & Mary Tom Long (Claire's Parents) Rev. James & Margaret Brown (Charles' Grandparents-former Pastor of St. Paul)	Charles & Claire Childress
	Ernest Scott Elliott, MD Jessie Elliott	Bob Dickenson
	Lynwood Foster	Dotte Foster
	Ray, Rowena, & Roger Hollandsworth, and Wilford Vest	Ronald & Geraldine Hollandsworth
Anna Lee Lawrence		Debbie Lawrence
Our Children & Grandchildren		Rusty & Tracy McCoy
	Adrienne Marie Rhudy Edward S. Dickenson & Marguerite Dickenson B.A. & Rosetta Rhudy John Dickenson	Dan & Ann Rhudy
	Minnie A. Blakely	Priscilla A. Rollins
	Leslie Skidmore	Ken Skidmore
Carolyn Mills		Carol Slaughter
Gary Sparks - Birthday		Patsy Sparks
	Eleanor Rohrer (Lou Ann's mother)	Monty & Lou Ann Thompson