

Unison Offertory Prayer *Inspired by Luke 24:13-35* Liturgist Ashley Johnson

Gracious God, you walk with us even when we don't recognize you. You speak, and our hearts burn within us. You break the bread, and our eyes are opened. We bring our offerings of time, money, and abilities today and throughout this week as signs of our gratitude. Use these gifts to kindle faith, make disciples, feed the hungry, and proclaim your presence in every moment. We give because we've seen you—alive, loving, and leading us still. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Offertory *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr. by Lloyd Larson

*Doxology

*Closing Hymn **♪536 "Precious Name", vv. 1,2,3**

*Benediction Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Postlude *Festivals Prelude On "Coronation"* Gilbert M. Martin

*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.*

My Notes on Today's Message

What are my next steps in following Jesus? _____

What does it mean to open the door at this stage in my life? _____

Youth Group

We 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!

Life Recovery Car Wash and Bake Sale! Saturday May 2, 9:00-2:00 at the American Car Wash on Roanoke St. We are asking for help and donations for the bake sale during the car wash. See Greg Journey for more information.

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

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 Matthew 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)

Recuperating from Surgery at Home: Sherri King

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 – Robert Chapin on April 19th; Winfred Huff on April 20th; Bob Cornish on April 22nd; Daphne Arthur on April 23rd; Ellie Johnson on April 24th.

Happy Birthday to all!

The Bike Club – part of the Nurture Committee – will have our first adult bike ride next Sunday the 26th at 2:00p.m. We will meet at the Huckleberry Trail entrance behind the mall on the Kohl's side. We would love to have anyone interested in riding whether you have a regular bike or an E bike. Please come and enjoy the fellowship!

Worship Attendance April 12, 2025				
In-Person Adults	Children's Church	Livestreaming (Real Time)	YouTube (Recorded)	Total Worship
72	6	14	109	201

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 Website: www.stpaulvaumc.org

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

Our Church Staff

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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:



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.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the status of our HVAC at their recent meeting.

It was determined that while some aspects of addressing the status of our HVAC are moving forward, other aspects have reached an impasse. After discussion, it was decided that a dedicated management approach is needed to move forward. To ensure our project moves ahead, a specialized project management team (PMT) has been tasked with overseeing our HVAC project. Trustee Bob Hockett is forming the team. Once the team has created their purpose statement, our PMT will schedule individuals and companies to make presentations and conduct a time for question-and-answers.

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>04/12</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate	\$8,352	\$12,220
General Fund – Online Giving	\$1,877.38	\$2,642.11

<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS APRIL</u>	<u>04/12</u>	<u>Total</u>
Communion Offering (To Our House)	\$120	\$140
Baby Shop	\$200	\$260
Palm/Easter Flowers	\$100	\$125
Youth Group	\$200	\$200