

Thank you for Serving!

| | Today – March 29 | Next Sunday – April 5 |
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| LITURGIST: | Easter Cantata – No Liturgist | Marjorie Vitale |
| USHERS: | Leslie & Sonia Badillo | Patsy Sparks & Faye Chrisman |
| ACOLYTES: | Ezra Arthur | Daphne Arthur |
| SECURITY TEAM: | Joe Cox & Jim Mattox | Tom Bell & Ron Hollandsworth |
| ALTAR TEAM: | Priscilla Rollins & Gary Sparks | Leslie & Sonia Badillo |

This Week at St. Paul

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| Sun, Mar 29 | Frank Wickham & JOY Classes Worship Service – Palm Sunday-Easter Cantata | 9:00AM-9:50AM 10:00AM |
| Mon, Mar 30 | Baby Shop, Sort/Pack Orders | 9:30AM-12:00PM |
| Tues, Mar 31 | No Community Hand Bell Choir Life Recovery Ministry, AB | 7:00PM-8:00PM |
| Wed, Apr 1 | MCPS & Preschool Out for Spring Break No Wonderful Wednesday meal, choir, or study | |
| Thurs, Apr 2 | Baby Shop, Pack Orders Staff Parish Relations, JOY Classroom | 9:30AM-12:00PM 7:00PM |
| Fri, Apr 3 | Good Friday - Office Closed Baby Shop, Pack Orders/Sort & Bag Cub Pack 145, Yard Sale Collection Begins | 9:30AM-12:00PM |
| Sat, Apr 4 | Good Friday Service, Sanctuary Baby Shop, Clients Pick Up Orders/Sort/Bag Easter Vigil Service, Sanctuary | 6:00PM 9:30AM-12:00PM 6:00PM |

Next Week

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| Sun, Apr 5 | Easter Sunrise Service-Breakfast to Follow Frank Wickham & JOY Classes Easter Worship Service | 7:30AM 9:00AM- 9:50AM 10:00AM |
| Mon, Apr 6 | Church Office Closed Baby Shop, Sort/Pack Orders Finance, JOY Classroom | 9:30AM-12:00PM 7:00PM |
| Tues, Apr 7 | Community Hand Bell Choir, Rm 301 Life Recovery Ministry, AB | 7:00PM-8:00PM 7:00PM-8:00PM |
| Wed, Apr 8 | Wonderful Wednesday Meal Community Children’s Choir <i>The Chosen, season 1 episode 10</i> Chancel Choir | 6:00PM 6:30PM-7:00PM 6:30PM-7:00PM 7:15PM-8:30PM |
| Thurs, Apr 9 | Baby Shop, Pack Orders | 9:30AM-12:00PM |



Saint Paul United Methodist Church

220 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 **Easter Cantata** **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 to Palm Sunday Worship at Saint Paul! The palm procession gives us context for all that follows in this Holy Week. Today is a day for joy in the promise of salvation. As we journey with Jesus to the cross—the journey then and the journey now—we find our joy in the promise of salvation, a promise that will not fail. God bless you as we worship today.

Gathering & Prelude

Carolyn Mills, pianist & Brandis Garwood, violinist

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

“Near the Cross” Fanny Crosby, 1820-1915

& W.H. Doane, 1832-1915

Welcome

Pastor Mike Derflinger

*Opening Hymns

Children process in as we sing.

♫280 **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**, vv. 1,2,4 Theodulph of Orleans, 8th-9th cent.

♫715 **“Rejoice, the Lord is King”**, vv. 1,2,3 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Community Children’s Choir

“Hallelujah! Praise Ye The Lord”

“Hosanna in the Highest”

“A Parade for the King”

“Sing Hosanna to the King”

Unison Congregational Prayer and Offering

Pastor Mike Derflinger

O God, we sing and praise you with happy hearts and strong spirits. We take this moment to pray for those who are recuperating from surgery and illness, for those grieving, all who experience the stress of life, and for ourselves. (silent prayer)

Your compassion is without bounds, O God. You forgive us again and again.

Restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again and to serve you. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be faithful; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we have so many beauties, blessings, and miracles all around us. Give us wisdom to see them in the midst of our daily work and activities. We present our tithes and offerings in gratitude; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

As we worship today, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter, let us think deeply on their meaning for us. We should not pass through this season without sincerely analyzing our own situation spiritually. Time waits for no one! Now is the time to settle all accounts with God and be right with Christ.

| Worship Attendance March 22, 2025 | | | | |
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| In-Person Adults | Children's Church | Livestreaming (Real Time) | YouTube (Recorded) | Total Worship |
| 76 | 8 | 10 | 59 | 153 |

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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PRAYER LIST – Team Luke 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 – Jean Heltzel & Jenny Wise on March 29th; Ron Bush, Lori Trail, & Dale Whitlock on March 30th; Albert Huff & Chip Warren on March 31st; Jim Bell, Ruth Boothe, & Betty Semones on April 1st; Harper Eskew on April 4th. ***Happy Birthday to all!***

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations this week – Matt & Kat Birchfield and Jim and Jan Rexroad on March 29th. ***Happy Anniversary to all!***

Our family would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, visits and support during Susan's illness and death. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. ~ Joe Chase & Family

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).

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.

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.

We have four services during Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome!

1. A Good Friday Tenebrae service April 3rd at 6p.m. We are looking for the varied voices of children, youth and adults to participate by reading Scriptures about the Passion of Christ, and ask that you practice beforehand to honor God's Word with your best reading. There is no rehearsal planned; we can arrange a practice reading with the microphone beforehand.
2. An Easter Vigil service Saturday evening April 4th at 6p.m.
3. An Easter sunrise service at 7:30a.m. outdoors with breakfast following. The Flowering of the Cross occurs any time after breakfast and before Easter morning worship at 10a.m. You are welcome to bring cut flowers of your choice to place on the cross in the front yard.
4. Easter morning worship is at 10a.m.

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

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

March Stewardship

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR MARCH \$32,500. We have five Sundays in March.

March Offering Counters: Brian Porter, Dan Rhudy

| <u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS MARCH</u> | <u>03/22</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| Communion Offering (MCEAP) | \$ | \$160 |
| Baby Shop | \$ | \$60 |
| Palm/Easter Flowers | \$275 | \$475 |
| Bereavement Fund | \$200 | \$700 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund | \$ | \$500 |

| <u>TOTAL MARCH STEWARDSHIP</u> | <u>03/22</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| General Fund – Offerings and Loose Plate | \$3,145 | \$25,056 |
| General Fund – Online Giving | \$1,075.11 | \$5,240.21 |

PALM SUNDAY SPECIAL FLOWERS

| <u>IN HONOR OF</u> | <u>IN MEMORY OF</u> | <u>PLACED BY</u> |
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| Our Children: Erick, Stephanie, Chris, Nora, Jim, & Jon | | Connie & Tom Bell |
| Peggy Chafin | Glenn Tyndall | Robert Chafin |
| | Robert L. Dickenson, Eleanor Lucille Dickenson | Bob Dickenson |
| | Roger & Shirley Hufford | Brandis Garwood |
| | Ray, Rowena, & Roger Hollandsworth, and Wilford Vest | Ronald & Geraldine Hollandsworth |
| | Our Parents: Johnnie & Helen Marchi Tom & Maxine Strickler | Tom & Susan Marchi |
| | Jordan McCoy | Rusty & Tracy McCoy |
| | Gerald Mills | Carolyn Mills & Family |
| | Woody Nester | Cathy Nester |
| Our son Jackson Porter | | Brian & Sabrina Porter |
| | Shirley A. Monroe | Priscilla A. Rollins |
| | Dennis Semones | Betty Semones |
| | Shirley McGee (Monty's mom) | Monty & Lou Ann Thompson |