



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

235 South Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2020

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

Feel free to follow the order of worship below, clicking on the links for music, the children's moment, and a virtual video of the spoken parts of the service, including the sermon. Note: links for music can be accessed by "right clicking" on the link. Songs from YouTube may have ads. Please know that we have no interest (financial or otherwise) in what is being advertised. Please skip as you are able.

In this time of COVID19, the gifts that you share of your time, your financial resources, and yourself are valuable and much needed ways to worship. Your offering of money may be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours, mailed to the church office, or given by PayPal or Realm through the link on our website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Link for Service <https://youtu.be/3xjeuaoRzlc>

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

"Vocation does not come from a voice 'out there' calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice 'in here' calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God."
~Thomas Merton

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to worship! No matter who you are, or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here! We worship virtually, with the assurance that the church is not just a building, but more importantly is the people. Where we are, there is church. And when we gather in Jesus' name, Jesus is in our midst.

Please click on the worship bulletin at <http://www.woodstockucc.com/> so that you can access the readings and links to the music used for this service. The YouTube links may have ads. We are not promoting any of these items and encourage you to skip them.

In this time of COVID19, the gifts that you share of your time, your financial resources, and your very self are valuable and much needed ways to worship. Some of us have lost jobs, or had our hours cut significantly. While not everyone may have the ability at this time to give generously of our money, everyone can give through acts of love and service and these are greatly needed. Your offering of money may be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours, mailed to the church office, or given via PayPal or Realm which are available through links on our website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

<https://youtu.be/yhTpjdrLf0s>

TIME FOR CHILDREN	“Taking Off Your Shoes”	https://youtu.be/Fp5EH2_Aknk
ANTHEM	"Standing On the Promises" Played by Andrew Miller	R. Kelso Carter
SCRIPTURE	Exodus 3:1-15	read by Meg Trott
SERMON	“Burning Bushes”	https://youtu.be/3xjeuaoRzlc
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (including silent prayer and the Lord’s Prayer)		
PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” http://woodstockucc.com/Music/Hear%20Our%20Prayer2.mp3		

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Note: Please continue to support the church with your regular giving. Checks can be sent to the church office. You can also give via PayPal or Realm links on the church website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN Doxology <http://woodstockucc.com/Music/Doxology2.mp3>

TO GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN “What Wondrous Love is This” <https://youtu.be/DsVnvN3EVxY>

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Resources: Worship Ways, Ministry Matters

Announcements/Birthdays/Prayer List

PASTORAL VISITS:

Pastor Anne would be delighted to meet for socially-distanced porch, patio, or park visits. If you or someone you know might appreciate a visit, please let her know by email stppastor@shentel.net or call the church office (540) 459-3643.

Many thanks to the Markel's for their warm welcome and hospitality for our outdoor vesper service last Sunday! It was a lovely setting, and delight to be together in person.

Our next outdoor worship service will be Sunday, September 13 at **10:00 am** at the Snarr's along the banks of Stoney Creek. Please save the date. Bring lawn chairs, insect repellent, your whole family, and face masks.

REMINDERS: September 1 – Senior Choir Practice (using bells and other musical instruments) outside
9 – Consistory Meeting on Zoom
13 – 10:00 a.m. Outside worship with Communion at the Snarr’s Creekside home

Opportunities to Gather On-Line: If you are interested in any of the options below, please call (540-459-3643) or email (spoffice@shentel.net) Becky at the church office for more details about how to be involved.

Worship with St. Paul's: Sundays any time after 8 am - posted at www.woodstockucc.com Sunday mornings

Kola Class: Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am. Join in the discussion and fellowship about upcoming sermon texts and what God might be saying to us through Bible texts

30-Minute Theology: Mondays, 7 – 7:30 pm. Men sharing their beliefs and questions about God.

Sacred Seasons: Thursdays, 4 – 5 pm. Women of faith reflecting about God's presence in their lives.

Making Sense in This Season: Thursdays, 8 - 9 pm. For folks balancing the demands of multiple roles while caring for self and soul

Pastoral visits:

While in-person visits are not possible at this time, Pastor Anne welcomes opportunities to meet with you by phone or virtually through FaceTime or WhatsApp. Please email or call to arrange a time to meet. Of course, if you have an emergency, please call Pastor Anne immediately. 808-282-4631

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

Sept. 1 – Karla Thomas
1 – Barbara Ward
2 – Ricky Dellinger
3 – Kathryn Keller,
3 – Mary L. Miller
8 – Nathan Eye

ANNIVERSARY for this week:

Sept. 1 – Jerry and Stephanie Litten
2 – Derek and Julie Ritenour
2 – Travis and Marsha Cooper

PRAYERS and CARDS

Joyce Chamberlain
Alonzo Charity
Dorothy Corder
Martin Cullers
Carol Czarneski (Anne's sister)
The family of Alvin David French
Ginger Funk
Dr. Jerry Germroth
Randy and Valorie Hockman
Bill Holsinger
Kynli Hoover
Jerry Lambert

Prayers for peace and unity for our great country

Wes Irvin
Jake Johnson
Daniel Rohne Kasten
Marcie Lambert
Nora Long
Cheri May
Jane McEwen (Anne's sister)
Spencer McIntosh
Jessie Payne
Maddie Ritenour
Jack Sullivan
Phil Taylor
Pete Wright

Prayers for the families of the 48 people who have died in Shenandoah County from COVID-19