



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

Patty Snarr, Pianist

Link to service: <https://youtu.be/LYJrmFSqU4w>

At the home of Tom and Patty Snarr along Stoney Creek

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

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

PRELUDE

(During the prelude, let us be in silence preparing our hearts for worship.)

“Let Thy Holy Spirit Guide”

Pace

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

"Because here's something else that's weird but true: in the day-to day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship." ~

David Foster Wallace

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, when the world's political noise is turned up high, we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom, and to focus on things that are worthy. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to your word and our hearts to your praise. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ONE: If we say that we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and each other.

ALL: God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: We forget that God loves us very much. God loves us enough to forgive us again and again and again. God loves us so much that God lived among us, died, and rose again in Jesus of Nazareth. So whatever you forget, always remember that God loves you and forgives you.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Make Good Choices”

<https://youtu.be/BMJbu6QITfQ>

ANTHEM

“Somebody's Knocking at Your Door”

Spiritual

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-14

Read by Joe Lehnen

SERMON

“Living Faith, Hope, and Love”

<https://youtu.be/LYJrmFSqU4w>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (including silent prayer and the Lord's Prayer)

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

ALL: I believe in God, the giver of grain and bread, and in Jesus Christ, the bread of life broken for us, and in the Holy Spirit, God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf. I believe that Christ is to be leaven in us, so that we may offer the bread of life to the hungers of every human heart.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Schaefer

OFFERING DEDICATION

ALL: Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives, our resources, and of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

TO GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”

Stills

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Kendrick

Resources: Worship Ways and Re:Worship

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.

REMINDERS: October 14 – Consistory

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. (every other week) Women of faith reflecting about God's presence in their lives.

Making Sense in This Season: (rescheduling at this time) For folks balancing the demands of multiple roles while caring for self and soul

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

Oct. 13 - Jean Lambert Foster (92)
15 - Ed Markel
18 - Michelle Koontz

ANNIVERSARIES for this week:

17 - Dennis and Karla Thomas

Jean Foster's address:
643 Karley's Way
Middletown, VA 22645

PRAYERS and CARDS

Susan Brill	Nora Long
Dorothy Corder	Connie Mantz
Martin Cullers	Cheri May
Carol Czarneski (Anne's sister)	Jane McEwen (Anne's sister)
Dr. Jerry Germroth	Spencer McIntosh
Randy and Valorie Hockman	Jessie Payne
Jerry Lambert	Linnea & Randy Smith
Wes Irvin	Jack Sullivan
Jake Johnson	Pete Wright
Daniel Rohne Kasten	Rev. Clara Young
Marcie Lambert	

Prayers for peace and unity for our great country
Prayers for the people during the wildfires

Prayers for the families of the 59 people who have died in Shenandoah County from COVID-19