



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

235 South Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 2020

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.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Link to the service: <https://youtu.be/QL59FfvSEAM>

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

You can choose courage, or you can choose comfort, but you cannot choose both. ~ Brené Brown

We had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.
~ 1 Thessalonians 2:2

WELCOME AND 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 COVID-19, 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" <https://youtu.be/pfu1dqKCGd8>

TIME FOR CHILDREN Courage <https://youtu.be/2eVAdGSzxtY>

ANTHEM "Glory and Grace" Lemmel
Played by Emily Koon

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

read by Linda Sheetz

SERMON

“Courageous Faith, Hope, and Love”

<https://youtu.be/QL59FfvSEAM>

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

MUSIC

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

<https://youtu.be/gQZ3nYsf8H4>

*** BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Resources: Worship Ways, Ministry Matters and Re:Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAAYER 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 26 – 30-Minutes Theology (Men) ?
 - 27 – 7:00 p.m. “Bell” Choir Practice
 - 29 – Budget Team meeting
 - 31 – Halloween

November 1 – 11:00 a.m. Worship at St. Paul’s - All Saints Sunday

Come Join Us if you feel comfortable - Reopening guidelines:

<http://woodstockucc.com/Resuming%20Sunday%20Church%20Services.pdf>

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 on Zoom.

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

Oct. 25 - Mary Payne
26 - Bobby Grubbs
27 - Micah Holland
29 - Marie Kennan
30 - Ellie Overman
31 - Ellen Markel

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Susan Brill
Dorothy Corder
Martin Cullers
Carol Czarneski (Anne's sister)
Dr. Jerry Germroth
Randy and Valorie Hockman
Wes Irvin
Jake Johnson
Daniel Rohne Kasten
Marcie Lambert

Nora Long
Connie Mantz
Cheri May
Jane McEwen (Anne's sister)
Spencer McIntosh
Jessie Payne
Linnea & Randy Smith
Jack Sullivan
Pete Wright
Rev. Clara Young

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

Prayers for the families of the 61 people
who have died in Shenandoah County
from COVID-19