



**ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

235 South Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664

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Sunday School: 9:45 A.M. Worship: 11:00 A.M.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

“It is Well with my Soul”

Bliss

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

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Spend these moments of silence to let the words below soak into your heart and your mind: “Pentecost is an invitation to dream. For when a community of faith quits dreaming dreams, it has little to offer either its members or the wider world. These dreams involve adopting a new perspective on what’s possible, rousing our creativity to free us from conventional expectations. They help us see that maybe what we thought was outlandish actually lies within reach. ~ Matthew L. Skinner
What dreams do you sense God given our community of faith?

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

Many: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

Many: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

Many: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. AMEN

OPENING MUSIC "There is a Balm in Gilead"
https://youtu.be/8fcMxl_6xsk

CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence. But you have challenged us to come alive again with your love and words of healing mercy. Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that you have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

TIME FOR CHILDREN "Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Kind"

ANTHEM "Meditation" Mark Patterson
Hand-Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21 Andrew Miller

SERMON "Knocked Off Our Seats"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died, and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using "debts" and "debtors")

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING DEDICATION

CLOSING MUSIC "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
<https://youtu.be/M5keJHZdWYM>

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Akers

Organist: Emily Koon
Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WE WELCOME all who may be worshipping with us to participate fully in this communion meal, believing as we do that the Risen Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF SAINT PAUL'S UCC, Woodstock VA is to recognize God as our Father, friend to all, and with his help teach the Bible as God's inspired word; to promote and encourage Christianity as the centerpiece in the lives of individuals, families, and the world community.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar are from the wedding of Lerin and Ronnie Baker and are in memory of her grandparents, Bernard and Peggy Hollar and her Great Aunt Dot Lambert. Lerin attributes her strong Christian faith to them and St. Paul's.

REMINDERS:

- May 23 – Pentecost with Communion and Junior Church (wear red)
- 24 – June Newsletter Articles due
- 24 – 7:00p.m. Worship and Music Team meeting
- 30 – Trinity Sunday - A hybrid service with CAC and St. Paul’s

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

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

- May 23 – Teddy Snarr
- 24 – Steve Wood, Price Timmerman IV
- 30 – Travis Cooper, Marilyn Cooper, Henry Palatnick

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Donna Babcock

The family of Rev. Robert A. Lewis

Margie Cook

Nora Long

Martin Cullers

Cheri May

Carol Czarneski

Spencer McIntosh

Dr. Jerry Germroth

Jessie Payne

Randy and Valorie Hockman

Craig Smith

Wes Irvin

Jack Sullivan

Jake Johnson

Dennis Thomas

Daniel Rohne Kasten

Pete Wright

Prayers for peace and unity for all

Prayers for the families of the 133 people who have died in ShCo from COVID