



**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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 11, 2021

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Keveren

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

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

"Long before God laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago God decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure God took in planning this!) God wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son." ~ Ephesians 1:4-6 (The Message, adapted for gender)

What does it feel like to be the focus of someone's love? What does it feel like to hear the words "God had you/us in mind to be the focus of God's love?" Ask God to help you catch a glimpse of that love. End by asking God for the grace to believe these words and live into their truth.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Hope in Christ!

Many: Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.

One: Believe in Christ!

Many: We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.

One: Live in Christ!

Many: We embrace our inheritance, as children of God.

One: Live to the glory of Christ!

OPENING MUSIC (Sing 1st vs) "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

<https://youtu.be/V66WkrOHdHA>

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*GLORIA PATRI #734

TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Choosing Sides”

ANTHEM

“Be Still My Soul”
From Camp Strawderman

played by Valerie Webdell

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:1-14

Becky Lytton

SERMON

“In Christ”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God’s resurrection created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

We believe in God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

*DOXOLOGY #34

*OFFERING DEDICATION

*CLOSING MUSIC #442 (1st verse) “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Gesangbuch

Organist: Emily Koon

Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME to this service of worship and re-commitment to our Christian mission. May our fellowship renew strength and courage for sacrificial living, by the grace of God.

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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS were provided by Annie Plauger and are in her memory today. Thank you Annie! We miss you!

REMINDERS:

- July 11 – Annual Reports are due!!
- 11 – 18 – virtual UCC General Synod
- 18 – Junior Church and guest speaker, Rev. Joel Walkley
- 21 – 3:00 p.m. Sacred Seasons
- 24 – 8:15 a.m. Men’s Breakfast at the Brewhouse

POLO SHIRT ORDER FORMS are on the table in the Narthex.

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

- July 13 – Paula Orndorff, Leigh Catlett
- 15 – Cindy George
- 16 – Charlie George

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Melissa Andrews	Daniel Rohne Kasten
Donna Babcock	Nora Long
The family of Deacon Steven Clifford	Cheri May
Margie Cook	Spencer McIntosh
Martin Cullers	Jessie Payne
Carol Czarneski	Linda Sheetz
Dr. Jerry Germroth	Craig Smith
Randy and Valorie Hockman	Jack Sullivan
Wes Irvin	Dennis Thomas
Jake Johnson	Barbara Ward
	Pete Wright
 Victims of the building collapse in Surfside, FL.	 Prayers for peace and unity for all

