



**ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
235 South Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664
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Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 11:00 A.M.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 22, 2021**

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Pastor

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

"Wonder, Love, and Praise"

Gardiner

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

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

"Be sure to put your feet in the right place and then stand firm." Abraham Lincoln. Take a few moments of silent prayer to reflect on these words of wisdom. Ask God to keep you from temptation, and to give you strength to stand firm in your faith.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

P: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.

L: I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

P: I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.

L: I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

P: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.

L: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

P: I place my confidence and trust in God always. AMEN.

* **OPENING MUSIC** page #508 (3rd vs only) "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

* **GLORIA PATRI** #734

TIME FOR CHILDREN

"Invisible Armor"

ANTHEM

"Let Us Praise God"
Choir from Strawderman

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10-20

read by Rod Chamberlain

SERMON

“Stand Firm”

***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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts” and “debtors”)

***DOXOLOGY #34**

***OFFERING DEDICATION**

***CLOSING MUSIC** page #72 (Sing 1st vs only) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Recessional”

O'Donnell

Pianist: Emily Koon

Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME! God is certainly pleased to see all who have gathered for worship today. May the Spirit of God dwell within your hearts and may it overwhelm you with Holy Love.

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 are in honor of Catherine Dalke on her 3rd birthday, August 20! Happy birthday, Catherine!

SPECIAL THANKS to Mary Catlett and Patty Snarr for the transfer of the videos of the choir from Strawderman. We are enjoying this music.

REMINDERS:

August 23 – September Newsletter Articles due

September 12 – Communion

PARKING Retina Associates is leasing to the church the use of their parking lot every Sunday and other days if we get permission ahead of time. So feel free to park there if you prefer!

WALK FOR LIFE sponsored by the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center’s is scheduled for Sept. 25 from 8 – 11:00 am at Mountain View HS (SJHS). For more details call Lisa Schroeder at 540-810-6814 or go to www.supportscpc.org.

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

August 23 – Kay Wetzel

29 – Kline “KM” Wilkins

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Melissa Andrews	Daniel Rohne Kasten
Donna Babcock	Trudy Knode
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	Pete Wright

Prayers for Afghanistan.

Prayers for the people of Haiti.

Prayers for peace and unity

