



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

235 South Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664
Office: (540) 459-3643

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 11:00 A.M.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2021

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Pastor

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

"Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus"

Kirkpatrick

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

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

"Grief, where is thy victory? Death, where is thy sting? We live not in fear. We rejoice in all circumstances. All shall be well. This we believe."

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ wrote these words of faith and encouragement as a reminder of our faith. Read them and let them fill you in this time of silent prayer.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

All: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

One: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

All: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

One: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

All: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace.

AMEN.

* **OPENING MUSIC** page #649 (1st vs only)

"Gather Us In"

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. AMEN.

* **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

* **GLORIA PATRI** #734

TIME FOR CHILDREN

"Mirror, Mirror"

ANTHEM	“Getting’ Up Morning” Choir from Strawderman	
SCRIPTURE	James 1:17-27	read by Susan Brill
SERMON	“Mind the Gap”	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles’ Creed	Inside front cover of Hymnal
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts” and “debtors”)		
*DOXOLOGY #34		
*OFFERING DEDICATION		
*CLOSING MUSIC page #82 (Sing 1 st vs only) “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”		
*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“March in G”	Dixon

Pianist: Emily Koon
 Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME! Your presence here is our honor and joy! We pray that your heart is open, that the Word is clear, that your worship is stimulating, and that you make yourself known – to God and to one another.

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 St. Paul’s congregation and our quest to share Faith, Hope, and Love with all!
 Given by the Snarr Family

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:

- September 9 – Consistory Meeting
- 12 – Communion
- 13 – Clothes closet Board meeting
- 14 – Worship and Music Team meeting

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!

RELAY FOR LIFE OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY 2021 will be held Sept. 10 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Shenandoah County Park, 380 Park Ln, Maurertown, VA.

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 29 – Kline “KM” Wilkins
September 1 – Karla Thomas, Barbara Ward
2 – Ricky Dellinger
3 – Mary Lambert Miller

Anniversary for this week:

September 1 – Jerry and Stephanie Litten
2 – Derek and Julie Ritenour
2 – Travis and Marsha Cooper

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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
The family of Ed DeCristofano	Mary Lou Odum
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

