



**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.

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Pastor

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

“Glory and Grace”

Lemmel

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

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Grand designer of all things, the light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good. Amen.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the beginning God created all things,

All: And God saw that they were good.

One: At our beginning, God created us

**All: Unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,
known and treasured by God even before He created
us.**

One: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new

**All: So we will seek God in the freshness of this morning, in
the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and in
this beautiful place.**

One: Lord God, King of Creation,

**All: Open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to
sense your presence, and our hearts to love your
presence, ever here in your creation, and ever beyond
it in eternity. Amen.**

* **OPENING MUSIC** page #31 (3rd vs only) “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Incarnate God, for the times we've hurt you, forgive us.

For the times we've hurt others, forgive us.

For the times we've hurt ourselves, forgive us

For we are made in your image and it is very good.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

* GLORIA PATRI #734

SCRIPTURE READING/TIME FOR CHILDREN Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Read by Abbe Kennedy, Pastor Anne, and our children

ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth"

SERMON "And It Was Good"

***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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*DOXOLOGY #34

*OFFERING DEDICATION

*CLOSING MUSIC page #23 (5th vs only) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Praise Him! Praise him!"

Allen

Organist: Emily Koon

Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME to all who gather in this Lord's House. As together we worship God in spirit and in truth may we be strengthened and renewed in God's service.

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. PAUL'S UCC - To be a welcoming church that lives by faith, is known by love, and is a voice of hope to the world.

VISION STATEMENT OF ST. PAUL'S UCC – Helping people discover and live out God's purpose for their lives, and sharing Christ's love through inspiring music, engaging youth programming and meaningful outreach.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of his brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Barbara Sibert who died in February 2021 and are given by Joe Sibert.

JUNIOR CHURCH – Welcome back! It is a pleasure to see you in church!

REMINDERS:

September 12 – Communion, Junior Church

13 – 7:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Board meeting

14 – 6:00 p.m. Worship and Music Team meeting

15 – 3:00 p.m. Sacred Seasons

October 2 – Experiencing the Spirituality of Wine retreat (flyer in Narthex)

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!

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

September 12 – T.J. Williams
13 – Patty Dellinger
14 – Layla Baker
15 – Anne Holland
16 – Ann Hollar
18 – Jeff Dalke
19 – Jon Holland, Emerson Ella Snarr

Anniversary for this week:

12 – Ron and Julianna Bankert

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Donna Babcock	Nora Long
Margie Cook	Cheri May
Martin Cullers	Spencer McIntosh
Carol Czarneski	The family of Jean Smith Miller
Dr. Jerry Germroth	Mary Lou Odum
Randy and Valorie Hockman	Jessie Payne
Wes Irvin	Craig Smith
Jake Johnson	Jack Sullivan
Daniel Rohne Kasten	Pete Wright

Prayers for Afghanistan.
Prayers for victims of Hurricane Ida.

Prayers for peace and unity for all

