



**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.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Pastor

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

“Under His Wings”

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

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

God of promise, you stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Keep your promises to us, that we become inheritors of eternal life. Amen

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;

Many: The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!

One: The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed;

Many: We bow before your holy name, forever blessed.

* **OPENING MUSIC** page #16 (2nd vs only) “The God of Abraham Praise”

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us, most gracious God, for what we have done to bring pain to your beautiful world: our hard and unkind words, our careless and thoughtless deeds, our lack of compassion and reluctance to render aid when it is in our power to help. Amen.

* **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

* **GLORIA PATRI** #734

TIME FOR CHILDREN

“God Provides”

ANTHEM

“I Would Be True”

Choir from Camp Strawderman

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Melissa Andrews

SERMON

“More Questions Than Answers”

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“Day by Day”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God the Father, who reveals his love to us in Christ.
We believe in God the Son, who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who teaches us God's truth.
We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using "debts" and "debtors")

***DOXOLOGY #34**

***OFFERING DEDICATION**

***CLOSING MUSIC** page #113 (1st vs only) "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

Pianist: Barbara Strong
Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME! As the seasons begin to change, the weather grows cool and the skies are sometimes filled with gray clouds. Know that there is always warmth, sunshine and a refuge from any storm within these walls and within the fellowship of our congregation.

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 gratitude for the peaceful, blessed life we share, here in the Shenandoah Valley.
~Annette Petrick Gentry

REMINDERS:

September 25 – 8:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast
October 2 – Experiencing the Spirituality of Wine retreat
(flyer in Narthex)
3 – Communion – World Communion Sunday –
Neighbors in Need Offering

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 19 – Jon Holland, Emerson Ella Snarr
20 – Tony Snarr
22 – Bonnie Painter, Pat Bast
23 – Grant Smith
25 – Ashlynn Lambert, Kim Price
26 – Joe Sibert, Melissa Andrews

Anniversary for this week:

September 21 – Charlie and Cindy George
22 – David and Susan Brill

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Donna Babcock	Daniel Rohne Kasten
Margie Cook	Nora Long
Martin Cullers	Cheri May
Carol Czarneski	Spencer McIntosh
The family of Jerry Fisher	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 victims of this Hurricane
season

Prayers for peace and unity for all

