



**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.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 3, 2021**

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Pastor

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Williams

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

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

God of all people, you remembered your children who were enslaved in Egypt, and by the power of your name you set them free. Remember us and free us from slavery to sin by the power of your name. Amen.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This place for us is Holy Ground.

Many: The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord, and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.

One: God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames, and with his presence disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.

Many: Instead God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

* **OPENING MUSIC** #559 (1st verse only) "Here I am, Lord"

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, like Moses, we run from our mistakes, yet can't escape you. Forgive us for the mistakes we have made. We see all the reasons we can't say yes to your call, yet can't convince you to choose someone else. Forgive us for the times we refuse you. We doubt your presence, yet the burning bush flickers beside us. In the presence of the holy, forgive our lack of notice.

Silent confession

* **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

* **GLORIA PATRI** #734

TIME FOR CHILDREN

"No Fire Extinguisher Needed"

ANTHEM

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Senior Choir 2020

Helgen

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15

Patty Dellinger

SERMON

“Who Am I?”

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“In His Time”

Ball

***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”)

THE LORD’S SUPPER

***DOXOLOGY #34**

***OFFERING DEDICATION**

***CLOSING MUSIC** page #337 (1st and 3rd verses) “We Will Glorify “

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Learning to Lean”

Stallings

Organist: Emily Koon

Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME! Surely God is pleased to see all who have gathered here for our special worship today. May God’s Spirit dwell within our hearts, and overwhelm us with Divine Love.

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

Happy Autumn!

~ The Fream

Family

REMINDERS:

October 3 – Communion – World Communion Sunday –
Neighbors in Need Offering
7 – 8 replacement boiler being installed
9 – Men’s breakfast at the Brewhouse
14 – Consistory 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!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities.

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

October 3 – Amy Bankert
 4 – Mike Good
 5 – Bret Tusing
 5 – Jacob Sharp
 6 – Isaiah Dyer

ANNIVERSARIES for this week:

4 – Price & Leah Timmerman
7 – John & Joyce Golladay

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PRAYERS and CARDS

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| Donna Babcock | Nora Long |
| Margie Cook | Cheri May |
| Martin Cullers | Spencer McIntosh |
| Carol Czarneski | Bonnie Painter |
| Dr. Jerry Germroth | Jessie Payne |
| Randy and Valorie Hockman | Craig Smith |
| Wes Irvin | Jack Sullivan |
| Jake Johnson | Dee Tisinger |
| Daniel Rohne Kasten | Pete Wright |

Prayers for our people in Afghanistan
Prayers for victims of this Hurricane
season and the fires in the west

Prayers for peace and unity for all