



# Welcome !



We are so glad that you decided to share with us in worship today! Whether we are young or old, longtime worshipers or here for the first time, whether we come full of joy or confidence or doubts or sorrow, in this place, by the grace and mercy of God-in-Christ, we are family.

Feel at peace in how you express praise for the Lord! Whether quiet and reflective, clapping hands and stomping feet, shouts of praise and utterances to God, in this place, by the loving acceptance of Jesus, we are family. Please feel at home!

We hope to see you here again soon.  
Anyone who is interested in joining this part of Christ's church should speak to the pastor or one of the elders.

*If we can assist you - through prayer, a phone call or a listening ear - please let us know what help we may provide. Call the church: 540.342.0264, or speak to one of us after worship.*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
*(2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV)*



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*Historic Past - Contemporary Presence - Exciting Future*

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

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Musician ..... Mr. Frederick Bolden  
Pastor ..... The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

Preparation for Worship (responsive) *from Isaiah 55*

Pastor: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

People: *Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?*

Pastor: Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him  
while he is near;

People: *let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous  
their thoughts;*

**ALL: *let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.***

Call to Worship (unison): Almighty God, we praise you for the wonder  
of your creation, for the precious gift of life, and for sending your Son to  
bring us fullness of life. You know us, you made us, you chose us, you  
have called us, and we are yours. Accept our worship, and strengthen  
us to serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Gathering in Song "I Just Came to Praise the Lord" # 113

## Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

### \* Passing of the Peace +

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you!*

**ALL:** *Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

*(Congregation greets one another, exchanging words of peace.)*

## Announcements and Celebrations

Worship in Song                      "Woke Up This Morning"                      The Choir

### Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer (unison)                      *(from Psalm 63)*

"O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you."

These words speak to us today as we try to live our lives, sometimes not knowing if we have done right or if we can live right. These words speak to us when we are hurting and feel as though we have no value to any one. These words speak to us when we feel isolated and afraid. These words remind us to trust God's promise of forgiveness, wholeness, and healing in Him.

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Prayer Response                      "Change My Heart, O God"                      (insert)

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson                      Luke 13:1-9                      page 1254

Special Music                      "Stand By Me"                      The Choir

Prayer for Illumination                      The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Commitment "Jesus is Tenderly Calling" # 327

\*An Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Gloria Patri ..... "Glory Be to the Father" ..... # 623

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Amen.*

### The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

\* Offertory Prayer The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

\* Choral Response

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

## WE GO OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

\*Charge and Benediction The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Carry Our Light Into the World "This Little Light of Mine"

\*Those who are able may stand + Late worshipers seated



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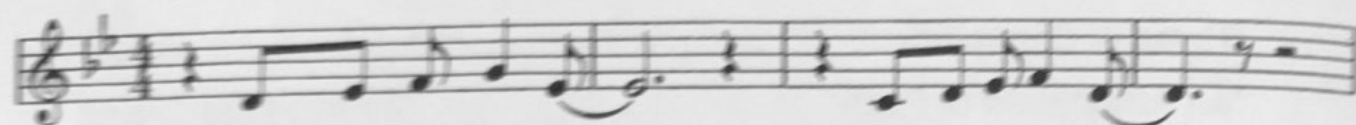
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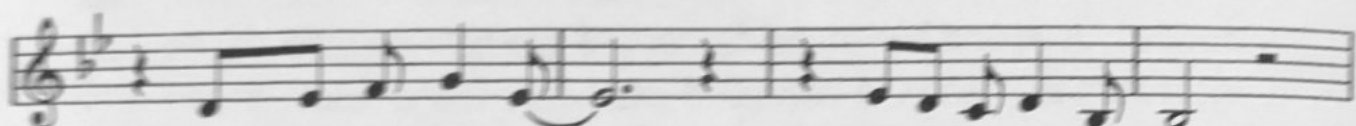
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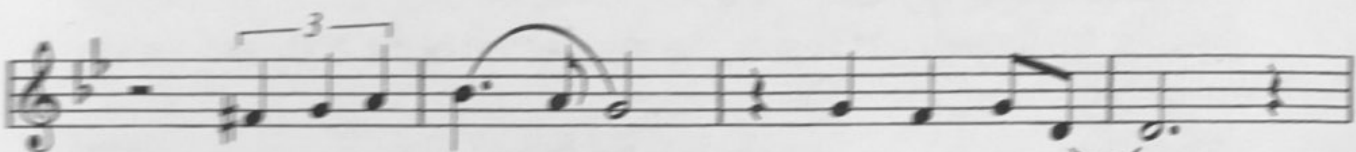
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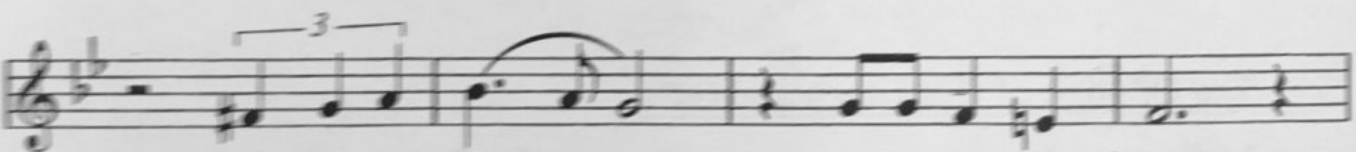
Change my heart, O God, make it ev-er true;



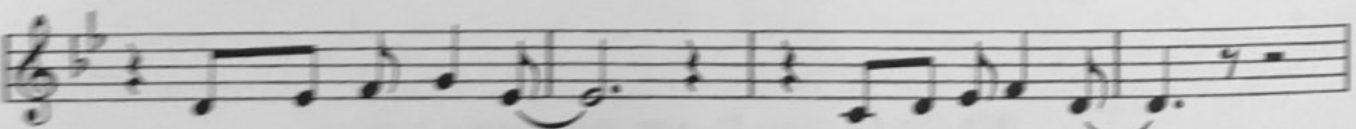
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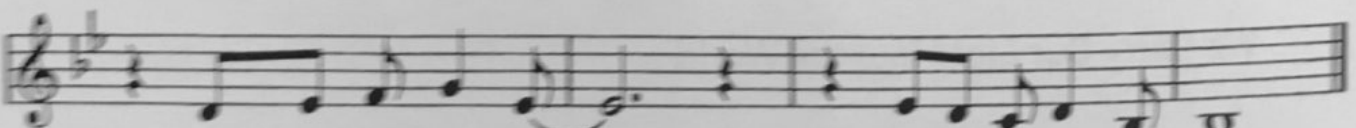
You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay;



Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



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## Announcements & Celebrations

*Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6 pm.*

*Come and grow with us!*

The Pastor's Office hours are by appointment—contact [vernlee3@hotmail.com](mailto:vernlee3@hotmail.com), or call the office—540.342.0264

The Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed, young and old(er)!

Remember: No one should have to choose between paying rent and feeding their family. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.



**Remember our Shut-Ins/Friends  
with a call, a card, a visit, your prayers**

- Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 556-6680  
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153
- Mr. Jim Slaughter—1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017) 366-0391
- Ms. Shirley Calhoun—3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017) 362-0617

### **Why do we ring the chimes?**

*For centuries, churches have used bells to announce to the whole community that it is time for worship. Bells, or chimes, tell us it is time to cease our chatter so that we can focus on the reason we are here: we have come to worship a sovereign God who demands our full attention.*

*We sound our chimes three times, once for each member of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*



This year marks the 70th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing! This annual offering is part of our Easter celebration. Our gifts provide funding for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People (investing in communities to fight poverty, injustice, and oppression). Stay tuned for details in the coming weeks, and plan to give as generously as



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**For our nation and its leadership**, for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— **for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation; for a capacity to seek the greater good** instead of personal gain; for families who are separated

**For the leaders of other countries, and the efforts of all who seek to bring peace to the world**—for Russia; for Venezuela; for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for Syria; **for The Congo**

**For our enemies**, both personal and national, including terrorists

**For our pastor and his family; for our ministry together**

**For unity in the Church, cooperation among denominations, for people of other faiths and for those who have no faith**

**For all who mourn the deaths of loved ones and friends:** for victims of violence: *for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; victims of mass shootings throughout the world; the families who have lost their homes and loved ones in wildfires; survivors of earthquakes, hurricanes & floods* and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger; *for refugees*

**For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction, for those recovering from illness or surgery:** Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, The Roberson family, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; for the elderly

**For our children and youth;** for their teachers & school staff; for those in our neighborhood; for those who work with young people and seek to bring them to Christ and to nurture their faith in him

**For our service men and women** and their families

**For those who seek employment, for the under-employed, for the homeless, for those who are in fear of losing their homes or their jobs; for those under stress at work and at home.**

**For broken hearts and broken relationships; for those absent from our fellowship for any reason.**