



World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018

*People shall come from east and west and from north
and south, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.*

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
301 Patton Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016

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.

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



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Musician.....Mr. Frederick Bolden

Pastor..... The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

*Preparing for Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 34

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: Happy are those who rest in God.

Pastor: Come and listen, children of God.

People: Teach us the way of truth and life.

Pastor: Let us depart from evil and do good.

People: Let us seek peace and pursue it.

*Gathering in Song

"This is the Day" (x 2)

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***Call to Worship (unison):** Gracious and merciful God, we have come to worship you in your glory and your love. We come to thank you for your goodness to us, and to offer you our obedient faithful service. We come to gather at your Table for renewal and grace. Come to us, Lord, and teach us a new way of living in deeper faith and greater love, through Jesus Christ your Son. In one voice we say thank you, hallelujah and amen.

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 *"We Are One in the Spirit"* # 284

Call to Confession

Pastor: **By grace we have been saved through faith;**

People: *and this is not our own doing; it is a gift from God.*

All: ***Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.***

Prayer of Confession (unison): Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, much of the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now, we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

People: *Even when our plates are empty,
God's generosity overflows.*

All: ***And even when our hearts feel barren,
God's love overflows.***

Pastor: Friends, we have been called and claimed by the God of all creation; and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, our sins have been forgiven.

All: ***In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!***

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 *"Thank You, Lord"* (insert)

We Proclaim God's Word

Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 11:17-26	page 1394
Special Music	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	JAB & EW
Prayer for Illumination	The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.	
Sermon	<i>"World Communion Sunday"</i>	

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn of Commitment** *"In Christ There is No East or West"* # 285

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

*** Choral Response**

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

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Praise

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Hymn: *"Let Us Break Bread Together* # 323

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison): Almighty God, we thank you for your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for creating us, for keeping us in safety, and for blessing us so richly in this life. But above all, we thank you for your boundless love in redeeming the world through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live in love for one another and for you. All power and glory are yours forever and ever; Amen.

We Go Out to Share the Good News

***Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (vss. 1, 3 & 4) # 344

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated



**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**

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Announcements & Celebrations

TODAY we celebrate *The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper*
and give our monthly hunger offering to assist a family in need.

Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6pm.
Come and grow with us!

The Pastor's Office hours are by appointment—contact
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.

Save the Date: Fall Bazaar November 3



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess. 1: 2-

THANK YOU, LORD 531

*I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations.
Psalm 108:3*

1. Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,
2. Been so good, been so good,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves.

thank You, Lord,
been so good, I just want to thank You, Lord.

The second system of music continues the melody from the first system. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature, and a bass clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Text: Traditional

Tune: Negro spiritual; arr. by Stephen Key, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is a trustworthy means by which you can help the victims of Hurricane Florence here in the U.S., and of Typhoon Mangkhut in Asia. While Hurricane Florence dominated media coverage in the U.S., the most intense storm of the year battered the Philippines, Guam, the Marshall Islands, China and Hong Kong, causing extensive damage, loss of life, landslides and severe flooding to residents. Super Typhoon Mangkhut battered the northern Philippines with wind speeds up to 175 miles per hour, more powerful than a Category 5 hurricane. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with its area partners, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) and ACT Alliance, to assess the damage and deliver timely response actions.

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or by mail: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

PRAYER CONCERNS

For everyone affected by the hurricane; for emergency responders

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

For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: Carnis Poindexter and family; 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.

World Communion Sunday



The first Sunday in October is designated as **World Communion Sunday**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread.