

*Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church*  
*301 Patton Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016*

## Community Opportunities during Lent

### **Loudon Avenue Christian Church Community Lenten Revival**

March 14—Pastor Michael Palmer

March 21—to be announced

March 28—Pastor Melton Johnson

March 30—*Good Friday*—Pastor Anthony L. Holmes, Sr.

*All services begin at noon each Wednesday and last for 30 minutes. A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be served after each service.*

### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Study/Worship Series “From Confession to Communion”**

This *supper* series is co-sponsored by First Baptist (Gainsboro) and Greene Memorial United Methodist Church. *The group meets each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist, with a meal of soup and sandwiches provided each week at no charge.* The intention of the series is to facilitate the building of community, to overcome our disconnections over race, gender, politics, generations, and change. It will conclude on Wednesday, March 28.

A flier is posted in the vestibule with additional information, or you may call First Baptist (981-1241) or Greene Memorial (344-6225).

*“Blessed are they who die in the Lord.”*

The love and sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and congregation of **The Rev. Sylvia Ball**, pastor of Sweet Union Baptist Church, who died Thursday, February 8.

**Take a fish bank to fill with your annual  
“One Great Hour of Sharing” offering,  
to be received on Easter Sunday, April 1.**

Or, visit [presbyterianmission.org/oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/oghs)

*Hunger—Disaster Response—  
Self-Development of People*

**“You shall be called repairers of the breach.” (Isaiah 58)**



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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
March 11, 2018

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

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**We Assemble in God's Name**

**Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles**

**Gathering in Song (seated)**     *"Wonderful Words of Life"*     # 270

**Welcome**

**Prayer of Preparation (unison):** God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Chimes**

**\*Call to Worship**     *from Psalm 150*

**Leader:** Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;  
          praise him in his mighty heavens.

**People:** *Praise him for his acts of power;*  
          *praise him for his surpassing greatness.*

**All:**     *Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!*

**\*Hymn of Praise**..... *"To God Be the Glory"*.....# 66

**Announcements and Celebrations**

**Welcome of Visitors**

**\* Passing of the Peace +**

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

**People:** *Peace be with you! Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

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

**Congregational Hymn**  
**Invitation to Confession**

*"Love Lifted Me"*

# 505

**Leader:** The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, even then, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession (unison):** Merciful God, we confess that we are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit even to ourselves what we hide in our souls. But we believe that you know us as we are, and you love us; and you call us to turn from all that separates us from one another and from you. When we find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask for release from that bondage, and the freedom to trust and believe in You. Hear our prayers, O Lord, for we long to be your faithful people; through your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Leader:** Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us?  
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**People:** *Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.*

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

**Prayer Concerns**

**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**..... *"Jesus Loves Me"* .....# 579

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

**Scripture Lesson**

John 3:14-21

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**Special Music**

*"Jesus Lifted Me"*

## We Respond to God's Word

\* Invitation to Discipleship

\* Hymn of Commitment

"O, How I Love Jesus"

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\* 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 Pi-  
late, 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 com-  
munion 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 (unison):** Almighty God, your Son came into the  
world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power  
of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

\* Choral Response

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

## We Go in God's Name

**Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

**We Carry Our Light Into the World** "What a Mighty God We Serve"

\*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

### ***Welcome Visitors!***

We are glad you have joined us in worship today. Please fill out the card that the ushers gave you at the door. 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.

### **Remember our Shut-Ins/Friends and Members Away from Our Community**

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

Mr. Don Wahls—138 Whaley Rd, Raeford NC 28376

Email: [don.wahls@gmail.com](mailto:don.wahls@gmail.com)

### **+ Notes from the Pastor +**

- Please joins us on Saturday March 17 for our outreach workshop, "Raising Spiritual Children in Today's World" - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served!
- Start the New Year off right with Bible Study! "*Forming Faith*" meets Tuesdays at 6 pm here at the church.
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact [vernlee3@hotmail.com](mailto:vernlee3@hotmail.com), or call the office—540.342.0264

### **+ Other Announcements +**

- The Adult Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed.
- *Remember:* No one should have to choose between heating their home and feeding their family. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.
- Check out our web page: [www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com](http://www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com)

## **Congregational Prayer and Pastoral Concerns**

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

**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 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: *Sweet Union congregation, family & friends of Rev. Sylvia Ball*; for victims of violence; victims of *school shootings*; California wildfires & mudslides, and others dealing with the aftermath of both natural disasters and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger; for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region**

**For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: Rev. Joseph Keaton & Central Baptist church; Todd Moorman, Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, 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 stationed around the world 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.**

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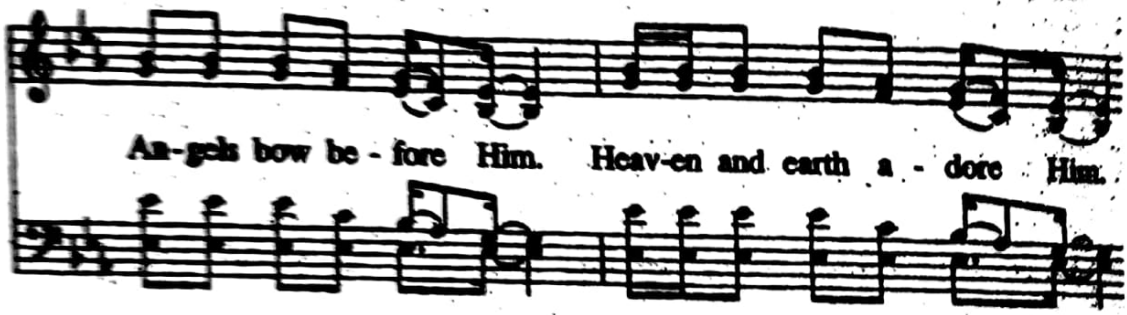
The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Psalm 50:1



What a might - y God we serve.



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An-gels bow be - fore Him. Heav-en and earth a - dore Him.



What a might - y God we serve. I con