



*"...do this in remembrance of me..."*

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
301 PATTON AVENUE NW, ROANOKE VA 24016

*HISTORIC PAST \* CONTEMPORARY PRESENCE \* EXCITING FUTURE*





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SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2020

**We Gather Together...**

Organ Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Scripture .....

Chimes

\*Preparation for Worship (from Psalms 32)

Leader: I will confess my sins to the Lord

*People: God will forgive the guilt of our transgressions*

Leader: The Lord is a hiding place for me

*People: God surrounds me with glad cries of deliverance*

Leader: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord...!

*All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.... And shout for joy!*

\*Call to Worship (unison): Lord, what a joy it is to be in your presence one more time. Despite what might be happening around us, we have come to worship You. Despite our doubts and the things which make us afraid, we have come to worship You. Despite the distractions which might turn us away, we have come to worship you. When we assemble in this place, we are planted in your love and we grow by your compassion. Guide us, lead us and encourage us to live in your will. Together we say thank you, hallelujah and amen.

\*Gathering in Song ..... *This is the Day* ..... #590

Welcome/Announcements

Celebration of Visitors

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: 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*

*(Congregants greet one another, exchanging words of peace)*



Worship Together in Song.....

Call to Confession

Leader: When we believe we have done this all on our own or claim that we are a self-made people with no help from anyone but ourselves, we are mistaken. For the truth of God provides our strength and our understanding while the love of Christ nurtures our purpose.

All: *Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins to the Lord*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and quick to love

People: *The Lord does not wait to trap us in our sin, but offers mercy to retrieve us from it. Our confessions remind us of this gift.*

All: *Therefore, we believe the good news of the gospel: in Christ we are forgiven*

Our Prayer Concerns and Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the 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. 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..... *Through it All*.....#502

...To Share God's Word...

Scripture ..... Matthew 4: 1-11

Special Music ..... Joyce Bolden

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon ..... "If..." ..... Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr

...And We Respond...

\*Hymn of Commitment.....*He's Got the Whole World* ..... #344

\*Affirm our Faith (the Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, 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. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick 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



*The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts (there will be two offerings)*

*Offertory Prayer*

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

*Celebration of Holy Communion*

*The Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Prayer of Praise*

*The Serving of the Bread and Cup*

*Let Us Break Bread Together..... #213*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison):*

Lord, I wondered if the truth of your grace was real, and after sharing at the table I realized that it was. I wondered if your mercy was unconditional and not based on the things that I possessed, and discovered at your table that it was. I wondered if your love could sustain me through the pressures of my life, if it would comfort me during times of hurt and sadness, and if it would strengthen me to help those around me; and after sharing at your table I found out that it can.

Lord, thank you for this gift of bread and cup. A gift which reminds us of your love for us, reminds us of what Jesus the Christ means to us, and reminds us of how we should live in your kingdom. Amen.

**...By Telling The World!**

**\*Charge/Benediction and Choral Response**

**We Carry Our Light..... *This Little Light of Mine***

- *Those who are able may stand*

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

As our spirits have been sustained through the Lord's table, remember that others need food to sustain themselves and their families. Our food collection, which has been a blessing to many, continues. Please place non-perishable items on the Pantry Table in the rear of the sanctuary

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'

<sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Words to Remember

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **WELCOME!**

*In this place, by the grace and mercy of God-in-Christ,  
we are family, so please feel at home!*

*We pray this worship experience fulfills a need in your life  
journey and you find hope for the coming days ahead...*

*If we could further assist you - through prayer, a phone call or a  
listening ear, please let us know what help we may provide...*

540.342.0264

*Office Hours by appointment*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you*

*May the face of the Lord shine upon you and be gracious to you*

*May the Lord turn to you and give you peace...*

**We count it a joy that you have come today, and we hope  
to see you again soon!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Forming Faith Bible Study... Tuesdays @ 6pm*

*We have wifi...! Address: OE8A84 Password: 333061399*

*Need a drink during the worship service? Water is supplied in the  
cooler near the Pantry Table in the rear of the sanctuary*

**YOUTH SUNDAY @ 5TH**

*Next Sunday March 8*

**>>Come and be blessed<<**

*Support the young people of our church as they lead us in worship*

***Our Sick, "Shut-in" and those requesting Prayer***

*Carnis Poindexter*

*Rev. Ellen & Family*

*Robert and Katrine Coles: health and medical recovery*

*Bob Hale, Salem Health and Rehabilitation Center 556-6680*

*Jim Slaughter, 1219 Grayson Ave NW, 24017; 366-0391*