



NOAH RECEIVES THE DOVE.

When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. (Genesis 8:11, NIV)

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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Trinity Sunday

June 16, 2019

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

***Preparation for Worship (responsive)** *from Psalm 118 & 2 Cor. 13*

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: *We will rejoice and be glad in it!*

**ALL: *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.***

***Call to Worship (unison):** God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time, you are the triune God: the Author of creation, the eternal Word of salvation, and the life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ revealed, and rejoice in the glory he shared with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***Gathering in Song** *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* # 262

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 "Come and Go with Me" The Choir
Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer (unison) *(Romans 5:1-5)*

The apostle Paul declared, "Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

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. As we come to God in prayer, these words remind us to trust God's promises— of compassion, mercy, forgiveness, 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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" # 433

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson Genesis 8 page 9
Special Music "Somebody Prayed for Me" The Choir
Prayer for Illumination The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.
Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Commitment *"This is My Father's World"* # 58

*An Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy universal and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

"In Christ There is No East or West" (vss. 1 & 3) # 286

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

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, or call the office—540.342.0264

The Choir meets as announced Come join the fellowship.

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**

<u>Mr. Bob Hale</u> —Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153	556-6680
<u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)	366-0391
<u>Ms. Shirley Calhoun</u> —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.

June—Labor Day Weekend 2019

Casual Summer Sundays—come dressed for comfort!

PRAYER CONCERNS

For all who mourn the deaths of loved ones and friends: *for the Bolden and Charlton family; for the Bruer family; 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 natural disasters 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 (Parkinson's); Danielle Dupree (Angela's friend); 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.*

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

**** Remembering all fathers on Father's Day ****

TRINITY SUNDAY



On Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334).

UNFATHOMABLE MYSTERY

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.

The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. As the baptized ones we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world.

In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity.

*(An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship
(Geneva Press, 2003, 149-150))*